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Night must fall . . . and what goes on when it does? Tomorrow, Modern Times talks, bleary-eyed, to the people who come alive as the rest of the nation goes to sleep.

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Sotheby's, the London-based fine art auctioneers at the centre of a £60m takeover battle, is now believed to be more than 50 per cent owned by American interests Page 13

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President Reagan asked Morocco to mediate between the PLO and Jordan after they failed to agree on a common approach to Middle East peace, senior Arab diplomats said in Rabat

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Nearly 17,000 of Britain's 77,000 public telephone boxes will disappear if British Telecom is sold to private investors, Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, claimed Page 3

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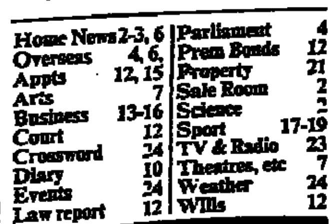
Agencies like the International Monetary Fund and World Bank should play a bigger role in channelling international capital flows, Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, said Page 13

Flood alerts

Shipping on the Rhine and Mosel rivers was halted and disaster alerts were declared in the cities of Bonn, Cologne and Trier as flooding spread through south-western Germany Page 4

Rare Master

Severiano Ballesteros adopted a rare conservative approach in winning the Masters golf tournament for the second time at Augusta, Georgia Page 19



Interest rate set to reach 10pc this week

● Expectations of lower interest rates, higher company profits and confidence in an economic recovery pushed the *FT* 30 share index up by 3.8 points to 687.7.

● Sterling gained another 1.45 cents to $1.5415 on stable oil prices, hopes of an early Conservative election victory and a strengthening international economy.

● Interest rates are likely to fall this week, with bank base rates being cut by a half point to 10 per cent. Firmer sterling and lower inflation are pushing rates down.

● Higher productivity and moderate pay increases, rather than a lower pound, are the only lasting answer to Britain's industrial problems, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, told Westminster Chamber of Commerce.

● United States money supply growth and inflation are likely to be less than expected over the next few months, according to Volcker, US Federal Reserve chairman.

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Frances Williams

Bank base rates are virtually certain to fall this week from 10½ to 10 per cent after yesterday's performance in the markets. Share prices hit new records and sterling rose strongly against leading currencies.

The City is convinced that the clearing banks will cut base rates by the end of the week, despite tough action taken by the Bank of England to prevent rates falling too far too fast.

The FT Index of 30 leading shares closed at a record 687.7 yesterday – up 3.8 points on the day. The market has been racing ahead because of the trend towards lower interest rates. At one stage it was up 6.6 points but a big £77.2m share issue from GKN, one of the country's leading engineering companies, took some of the steam out of the rise.

The pound has staged a dramatic recovery as fears of an oil price war have receded. It was in demand again yesterday, adding to the big gains of the previous day.

Hopes of an early election leading to a Conservative victory have also helped and the pound closed up 1.45 cents against the dollar at $1.5415, the highest closing level for nearly two months. The pound's value against a basket of currencies was also up 0.4 at 82.0 yesterday, the best since January 21.

The Bank of England has been working hard to keep rates up and has been worried that a hasty cut in base rates could undermine sterling's new-found strength. But there were signs yesterday that the Bank's line may be softening.

It gave no sign that it was ready to endorse lower rates yet but it was more generous than in previous days in relieving cash shortages in the money markets, which suggests it may be preparing to allow rates to fall.

A cut in base rates would help to head off the danger of a rise in the mortgage rate which some building societies believe is necessary with bank rates at their present level.

However, once base rates fall by half a percentage point from existing levels of 10½ per cent, the authorities are likely to be reluctant to see any further falls for a while.

It is thought that monetary policy could be thrown off course if interest rates fall rapidly and there is also concern that sterling could come under pressure again in the future despite its recent firmness.

One factor which could upset sterling is rising American interest rates. Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, the country's central bank, warned Congress yesterday that interest rates were too high to sustain a long-term recovery.

In London, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, hammered home to a gathering of businessmen his message that the easy option of a depreciating currency was not the route to lasting improvements in industrial competitiveness.

He said faster economic growth and higher living standards depended on improving competitiveness through lower pay deals, productivity gains, or better product quality and performance, which did not raise the cost of imports or inflation.

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Climax of a magnificent obsession



Success at last: Sir Richard Attenborough and Ben Kingsley with their awards last night.

Eight-Oscar 'Gandhi' triumphs in Hollywood

From Ivor Davis
Hollywood

Sir Richard Attenborough's 20-year magnificent obsession, his film *Gandhi*, last night monopolized the 55th Academy Awards ceremony in Hollywood by winning eight Oscars – more than any other British film in Academy history.

Gandhi won the plum awards for best picture, best director and best actor (Ben Kingsley).

A jubilant Sir Richard, who had already pocketed most of the other main film awards in the last few months, said that *Gandhi's* victory was a triumph for the once-ailing British film industry "and will show the world that the success of *Chariots of Fire* last year was simply not another flash in the pan".

He added: "No British film in history has ever won this number of Oscars – not *Lawrence of Arabia*, not *Bridge on the River Kwai* not *Oliver*"!

Surrounded by a tableful of gold statuettes, Sir Richard said wryly: "Nobody believed in the story of a little brown man dressed in a sheet carrying a bean pole."

Indeed, as has already been much chronicled, Sir Richard fought for two decades for the privilege of bringing the life story of Mahatma Gandhi to the screen, even though financial doors were slammed in his face. He finally got his funds from British, Indian and Candian sources.

Not content with the "cream" awards, *Gandhi* also collected Oscars for costume, art direction, cinematography, editing and screenwriting.

It completely overran all opposition including the American box office sensation *ET*, which has so far taken $350m at the box office. Steven Spielberg's fable about the endearing creature from outer space won four Oscars, all in the technical category.

As expected, Meryl Streep won best actress award for her role as the beautiful concentration camp victim in the screen version of William Styren's best-selling novel *Sophie's Choice*.

It was a triumphant evening

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Spain gets tougher on Rock visit

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Fernando Morán, the Spanish Foreign Minister, yesterday told the British Ambassador of his "concern and dismay" over today's scheduled visit by ships of the Royal Navy to Gibraltar.

It was the second time Sir Richard Parsons, the Ambassador, had heard the contents of an official Spanish Note made public on Monday night. He had already visited the Foreign Ministry on Saturday, when it was read to him by a senior official. The Foreign Ministry's chief spokesman had made a mistake reporting on Spanish television on Monday night that the envoy had been summoned earlier in the day.

Sir Richard was understood to have emphasized the routine nature of the call by a fleet of 12 ships, headed by the aircraft carrier Invincible. Similar visits had occurred in previous years when ships were returning from spring exercises in the eastern Atlantic.

But a Spanish Foreign Ministry official commented afterwards: "We are not accepting it as routine, in view of the size of the fleet and which fleet it is." Almost unanimously, the Spanish press yesterday referred to "the warships of the Falklands fleet".

The Ministry spokesman refused to spell out exactly what "opportune diplomatic and political measures" promised in the Note to protect Spanish national waters would be taken.

But it is understood that Señor Morán indicated that surveillance by Spanish naval vessels in the area of the Straits could be stepped up although official sources said: "We are not treating this as an exercise for the Spanish fleet, or going to bring it out or bombard anyone."

● LONDON: The Ministry of Defence in London last night denied that any exercises were taking place during the Gibraltar visit which starts today, Henry Stanhope writes.

The Invincible, the 10-year-old cruiser Bristol and a number of other ships, will call at Gibraltar for five days, allowing their sailors – including Prince Andrew – some shore leave during the spring Train exercise, which is a regular rendezvous in the Atlantic.

But this was very much an annual, routine visit, the ministry said, while the Foreign Office was emphasizing that the Spanish authorities had been told of the British plans well in advance. A Foreign Office spokesman added that the Spanish statement was being considered, but refused to say whether any alterations would be made to the Royal Navy's programme because of it.

The Ministry of Defence spoksman said that Spring Train was very much a deep-water naval exercise, not one designed to test Gibraltar defences. This had always been the case, he added.

No landings or exercises on the Rock were taking place or had even been planned. The ministry had been in contact with troops stationed in Gibraltar to check that not even a local operation had been designed to coincide with Spring Train.

One possible reason for this year's display of Spanish umbrage is that the Madrid Government had been looking for a good excuse to delay implementation of the Lisbon Agreement, under which the frontier between Gibraltar and Spain would be fully reopened and normal relations restored.

Galtieri gets 60-day sentence for indiscipline

From Andrew Thompson
Buenos Aires

General Leopoldo Galtieri, the former Argentine President, faces 60 days' detention in a military prison, and will stand trial before an Army court of honour which could bring further charges against him, military sources have disclosed.

The decision was taken late on Monday night by General Cristino Nicolaides, the Army commander. Under Army regulations retired oficers must seek the permission of the commander before making any political statements.

General Galtieri had broken this rule in an interview published by the newspaper *Clarin* on April 2. General Nicolaides imposed the maximum sentence possible for this breach of discipline.

In the interview, General Galtieri criticized General Marion Menéndez, the former military governor of the Falkland Islands. He also attacked three senior active service generals who, he said, led the coup against him in June last year. He claimed they acted in a dishonourable fashion.

The three are General Llamil Reston (Interior Minister), General Edgardo Calvi (Chief of the Army General Staff) and General Horacio Varela Ortiz (Director of Fabricaciones Militares, the Army's military-industrial complex).

Statements made by the former President in the interview also offended other senior officers, the Catholic church and Señor Carlos Ortiz de Rosas, the former Argentine Ambassador to Britain.

At least four officers demanded a court of honour to question General Galtieri's

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Cousin of Aitken is TV-am chief

By Kenneth Gosling

Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP, who replaced Mr Peter Jay as chief executive of TV-am, the breakfast television station, a month ago this week, hands over the post to his cousin, Mr Timothy Aitken, from tomorrow.

The appointment will last, according to TV-am, for at least a year, as will the appointment of Mr Roger Frye to the new post of financial director. Both have been approved by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. During their tenure of office with TV-am, Mr Timothy Aitken and Mr Frye will relinquish their positions with Aitken Hume, the financial services company and the major institutional shareholder in TV-am. Mr Timothy Aitken is that company's chief executive and his cousin Jonathan is chairman. Mr Frye is the financial controller.

The announcement was made on the day the latest breakfast television ratings were announced by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board (BARB). These showed no further drop in the TV-am audience from 400,000. But the Saturday figure is down from 1,600,000 to 1,100,000, with Sunday creeping up from 300,000 to 500,000.

BBC television *Breakfast Time* show showed a fall in its average weekday viewing figure from 1,800,000 to 1,300,000.

TV-am's statement on the executive changes was given to the station's staff yesterday afternoon. Mr Jonathan Aitken, whose appointment, though temporary, was controversial, will remain an executive director. His cousin Timothy, aged 38, a grandson of Lord Beaverbrook, and Mr Frye join the TV-am board.

Mr Jay, who had been chairman as well as chief executive of TV-am, and is now president had no comment: but the man who took over as chairman, Lord Marsh, said. "I am absolutely delighted with these appointments and grateful to Timothy Aitken for taking what was for him a difficult decision.

NCB's £115m loss threatens pits

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Coal Board lost £115m last year and faces a further substantial drop in UK consumption that is likely to accelerate pit closures.

Leaders of the three mining unions were given that gloomy forecast of the industry's fortunes yesterday at the first top-level consultative meeting attended by Mr Arthur Scargill, left-wing president of the National Union of Mineworkers, since he took office more than a year ago.

Mr Scargill said afterwards: "Whenever the coal board make a statement or present statistics they confirm the view that I have expressed and the union has expressed that the NCB and the Government intend to inflict savage pit closures on the mining industry".

According to up-to-date figures given to the mining unions by Mr Norman Siddall, outgoing chairman of the coal board, the state enterprise will record an overall deficit of £115m for 1982-83 after interest charges and agreed deficit grants.

Of that figure, £70m is being attributed to disputes in the industry, including sympathy strikes in support of the health workers last summer, an abortive overtime ban last autumn and the recent strike in South Wales over the closure of Ty Mawr-Lewis Merthyr colliery.

Consumption of coal by industry, the electricity generating authorities and households fell last year to 110 million tonnes, the lowest level since 1967, and the continuing recession points to a four million tonne reduction in that figure during 1983-84.

At the same time output from new mines, including the Selby coalfield, will practically double to about three million tonnes, and other new capacity at existing pits will come on stream.

The inescapable conclusion of these figures is that the coal board will seek further pit closures at a more rapid rate than hitherto. Only eight pits, closed in the last financial year, and two were merged.

Ironically, the miners are working harder while the market for their product shrinks. In the last quarter off the financial year productivity was up by 4 to 5 per cent.

The management is scaling down its overall sales prospects for 1983-84 to 116 million tonnes, of which 104 million tonnes would come from deep-mined sources and the rest from opencast sites.

Pressure mounts in war widows campaign

By Michael Horsnell

A campaign for Government assistance to enable Second World War widows to visit the overseas graves of their husbands gathered momentum yesterday in the wake of the Falklands pilgrimage by next-of-kin.

Baroness Jeger tabled a question in the House of Lords asking the Government to reconsider its refusal to help widows who have never been able to pay their last respects.

British War Widows and Associates, the organization which has been campaigning for free travel for next-of-kin, is also to ask Sir John King, chairman of British Airways, who arranged free flights to the south Atlantic for the Falkland's bereaved, to give his support.

The Government stands by the arrangements introduced in 1967 which allow – though not retrospectively – next-of-kin and a companion to travel free to visit the grave of a serviceman buried overseas within two years of the burial. It was under this arrangement that the Falklands visit went ahead.

After the Second World War some financial assistance was given to relatives to visit cemeteries in Europe,



Tory MP fights to block rival

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for Flint, West, who is in conflict with a member of the European Parliament, Miss Beata Brookes, for the new safe Westminster seat of Clwyd North-west, yesterday accused party officers of using procedural delays to protect his rival.

Sir Anthony, whose present seat will disappear under boundary changes, was beaten by Miss Brookes, MEP for North Wales, at the initial selection conference for the new seat. But Miss Brookes's selection is subject to endorsement by the full paid-up membership of the new constituency association, which is yet to hold its inaugural meeting.

At that meeting Sir Anthony, who has complained of irregularities in Miss Brookes's nomination, hopes to block her candidature and secure a fresh selection. He has the support of Mr Geraint Morgan, MP for Denbigh, whose seat also disappears and who was also beaten initially by Miss Brookes.

Sir Anthony, who with his wife spent part of the Easter recess campaigning in the new seat, said yesterday that out of 100 party workers he had met only eight who supported Miss Brookes, whom he described as "the only Conservative candidate who could lose the seat to the Liberals."

He said the inaugural meeting of the association was being held back because of the prospect of an election in June. "My opponents hope the meeting will be in the middle of an election campaign, too late to challenge Miss Brookes and

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Putting your feet up with fish and chips

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

If fish and chips, bread and butter and a cup of tea is your idea of a good meal, then you can afford to put your feet up.

According to Treasury figures, the average working man now has to work fewer hours to earn fish and chips for his family than he did four years ago.

But the same family would have to eat fish and chips every day of the year to offset the extra hours needed to pay the mortgage, and twice a day to compensate for the rise in the council house rent.

The Treasury calculations show that a married man with two children on average male earnings now has to work nearly 6½ hours a week to pay the rent on a three bedroomed council house, compared with just over four hours a week in the autumn of 1978.

Families buying their own home have done rather better. It took only threequarters of an hour extra work a week to pay the mortgage in April, 1982, than in October, 1978. Since then, payments have come down sharply as the mortgage rate has fallen.

But supporting a mortgage still involves three times more effort than renting from the council. The typical worker has to put in nearly 18 hours a week, nearly half his average working week, for the privilege of home ownership.

Cod and tea require less work to pay for them than four years ago, the Treasury estimates. Half a pound of tea costs 14 minutes, 4 minutes less than in 1978, while 2lb of cod fillet is 10 minutes cheaper at 1 hour 5 minutes. A large white sliced loaf costs 10½ minutes, the same as in 1978.

Number of minutes needed to earn, after tax, the price of:

	Oct. 1978	April 1982
3lb beef sirloin	203	220
2lb cod fillet	75	65
14lb potatoes	23	41
large white loaf	10½	10½
2 pints milk	10	11
5 gals 4-star petrol	151	225
weekly season ticket (Surbiton/London)	227	268
20 cigarettes	22	27
pint of bitter	16	16

Source: Treasury

Families would have done well to cut down on chips last year. Potato prices soared because of the bad winter weather, with 14lb of spuds needing 41 minutes work, compared with 23 minutes in 1978. But prices have since subsided to more normal levels, making fish and chips the bargain meal.

The good life, however, comes dear these days. Three hours 40 minutes are needed to earn the price of 3lb of steak. A bottle of whisky would be 30 minutes cheaper.

Travelling is enough to drive a man to overtime. He would have to work for three hours 45 minutes to pay for five gallons of four-star petrol, compared with two hours 31 minutes in 1978.

New rules for Scots schools

The Government is going ahead in Scotland with a plan for school examinations and curricula which it appears to have rejected as impractical for England and Wales.

Scottish secondary school children from next year will have a "core curriculum" of English, mathematics and science, with a limited number of options. At the age 16 there will be a new common certificate showing that pupils have completed courses arranged on three levels of competence.

Yet in England and Wales the Department of Education and Science has deferred plans to introduce a common curriculum and is hesitating over a common certificate for 16-year-olds that would replace the "ordinary level" certificate.

The Government's plans call for about 250 additional teachers and a £3m-a-year supplement to the grant to councils.

Mills victory in TUC election

A left-wing move to prevent Mr Lief Mills, general secretary of the Banking, Insurance and Finance union, from becoming a member of the TUC General council was heavily defeated yesterday. (Barrie Clement writes).

But Mr Mills, the first union leader to be elected under a new systemof representation on the TUC, was not voted on "for life", as some right-wing elements had wanted. Instead the union's annual delegate conference at Blackpool decided that he should retain the seat for a year and then stand for re-election.

Cowley strike sanction near

The Transport and General Workers' Union was on the brink yesterday of making the washing-up strike at the BL plant at Cowley official. The Midlands regional committee has recommended the national executive to do so and Mr Robert Fryer, the union's senior shop steward at the Oxford plant, said yesterday that such "recommendations are usually accepted."

The latest terms offered by Austin Rover to end the strike, now in its third week, will be put to the 5,000 strikers tomorrow.

Forged coins scare unfounded

Lloyds Bank said yesterday that a public scare that large numbers of forged 50p coins were in circulation was caused by unfounded rumours which apparently started with the dropping of the "New" from "New pence" on the coin last year.

The bank said it had been inundated with calls from shopkeepers and members of the public concerned about possible forged coins.

Rector's service for dead boy

Prebendary Geoffrey Lester, the Rector of Bath Abbey, said yesterday that at the request of the mother of a boy who died after an accident involving his car, he had conducted the funeral service for her son.

Mr Lester said he officiated at the service at the abbey for Lee Nazier, aged 12, after the boy's mother requested it when he visited her after the accident.

Soldier cleared of selling medal

The Army has cleared Private David Butler, who fought in the Falklands campaign at Goose Green beside Lieutenant-Colonel H Jones, VC, of allegations that he sold his Falklands medal.

It was accepted that the medal was lost before it turned up in Bournemouth, where dealers offered it for sale for £250.

Jet death crash

The pilot of a single-seat Royal Netherlands Air Force Starfighter jet was killed when his aircraft crashed while flying over Northumberland, yesterday. He was second Lieutenant M Sasbrink-Harkema, aged 26, from south Holland.

Steel strikers return as BSC yields on redundancy

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A return to work by striking steel workers in South Yorkshire was ordered last night by leaders of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation after the state-owned British Steel Corporation backed down on the imposition of redundancies and new working arrangements.

About 8,000 steel men have been on strike in the Sheffield and Rotherham area for nine days over the corporation's attempt to make 85 workers compulsorily redundant. They are now being given the option to stay, but all except six have chosen to accept voluntary redundancy pay offs.

The strike began when two of those due to be made redundant by the introduction of new shift structures at Aldwarke and Templeborough works refused to accept management instructions. They sent home and other workers came out on strike in support.

Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the confederation said last night: "We have won some major concessions from the corporation. What we are most pleased about is that they have agreed on future that they will go through the procedure.

"It was the imposition of redundancies and new working practices that our men felt most keenly about. They are human beings, and need to be treated as such."

British Steel declined to comment, other than to say: "We welcome the decision to return to work". But the corporation is understood to have agreed in talks lasting 10 hours in Sheffield on Monday that the management will not seek to impose changes in working practices or redundancies of the kind attempted in South Yorkshire.

Instead the industry's normal negotiating procedures will be used. *In return the confederation* has agreed to work the new shift patterns while they are being renegotiated with local mangement.

The outcome of the dispute may mark a turn in the declining fortunes of the steel industry unions, which will turn their attention to national pay bargaining in British Steel. Confederation leaders also decided yesterday to seek the support of manual unions in the corporation for a fresh attempt to win back national increases across the board through the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Timex union plea to Foot

Timex workers who for five days have been staging an occupation of the company's factory in Dundee have appealed to Mr Michael Foot, the Opposition leader, for support in their campaign against threatened compulsory redundancies (our Labour Correspondent writes).

Leaders of the 700 workers at the Milton of Craigie complex have written to Mr Foot asking for a public declaration of backing for their occupation, which is being carried out by about a hundred of the workforce.

They are objecting to the company's plans to make 197 workers compulsorily redundant in addition to the 1,700 jobs which have disappeared through voluntary severance



John Hurt (left), who plays the lead in *Champions*, being advised yesterday during filming at Aintree racecourse, near Liverpool, by Bob Champion, the jockey who fought and beat cancer and returned to win the Grand National in 1981. The film tells Champion's life story.

Journalists to defy police Bill clause

From David Felton
Labour Correspondent
Dundee

Journalist are being urged to defy provisions of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, now going through the House of Commons, if it means that they would be forced to disclose sources of confidential information.

The annual conference of the National Union of Journalists in Dundee yesterday unanimously backed a proposal by the executive that its members should not comply with disclosure orders made under the new legislation to provide police with confidential documents and records.

The orders, which would be signed by a magistrate, would enable the police investigating a "serious arrestable offence" to enter journalists' homes and offices and search for documents which might be involved in their investigations.

Mr Vincent Hanna, a member of the NUJ executive, said the proposed legislation would lead the police into "fishing expeditions through confidential documents". It would be difficult for journalists to guarantee anonymity to their sources if they knew police *would have access to their* records.

The proposals would be "a massive, unprecedented and unacceptable change in the law of this country". Mr Hanna said. The proviso that search warrants would have to be authorized by a magistrate was no real safeguard and would make such warrants "easier to get than driving lessons."

The union ought to be concerned at such an infringement of journalists' liberty, and should oppose the legislation, including defying the disclosure orders. He promised that any NUJ member threatened under the new laws would be defended by the union. The executive is to prepare guidelines for journalists.

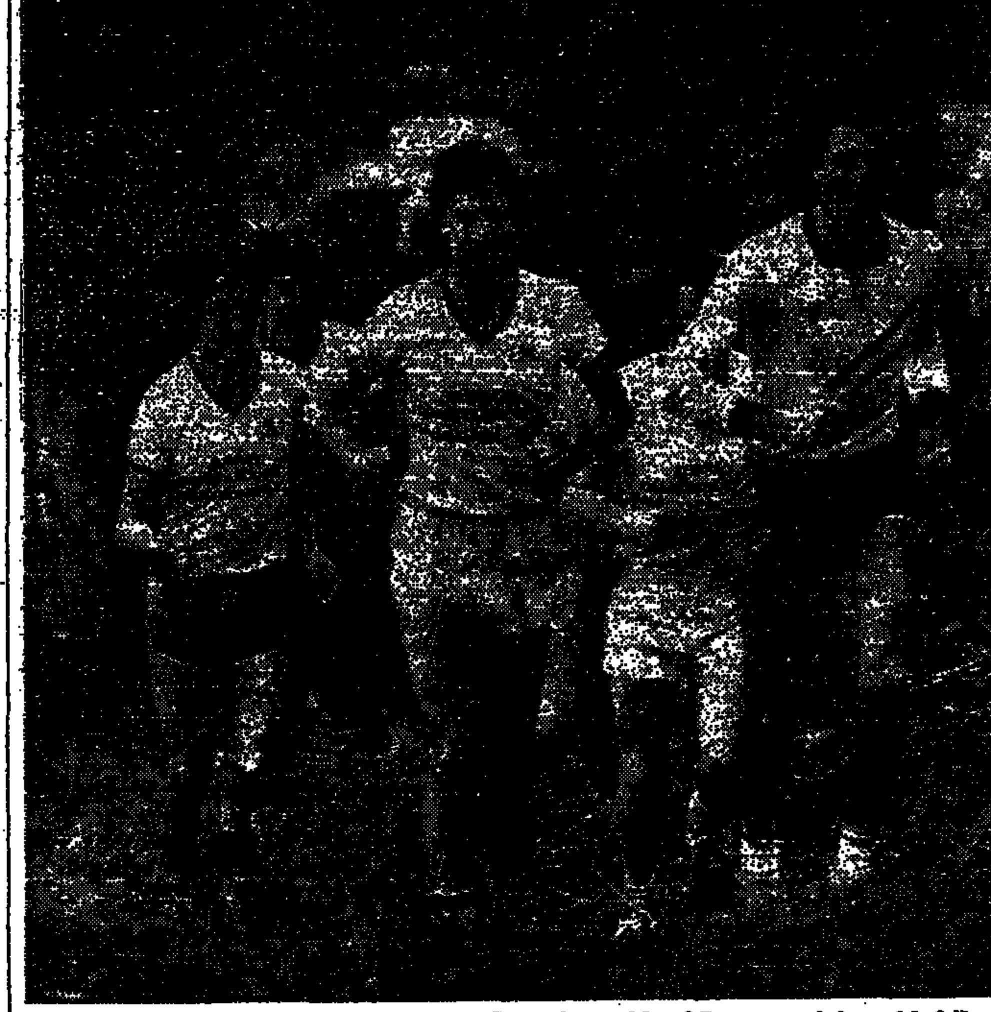
Lawyers' pressure

The Law Society is urging its 40,000 solicitor members in England and Wales to lobby MPs in a last effort to change the Bill (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

The society, one of the Bill's fiercest critics, says the nub of its representations on it is that it "increases the powers of the police without providing adequate safeguards against abuse of those powers".

In particular, it says in an article in today's Law Society's *Gazette*, the Bill fails to provide for compulsory tape recording of police interviews with suspects, or a system of independent prosecutors, both of which would balance the new police powers.

On the controversial search powers, which apply to confidential, non-privileged communications in solicitors' hands, the society says all police *applications should be to a High* Court judge.



On the run: Mr Brian Hayes (right), the Chief Constable of Surrey, training with fellow officers for the London Marathon on Sunday. He is running to raise money for charity.

Labour reallocates seats with speed

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

More than fourty Labour MPs have been reallocated new constituences without challenge or contest under the party's new procedure for dealing with parliamentary boundery revision. As the Conservative selection of candidates for the new constituences reaches its final stages, *Labour's round of* national selections has been launched with a speed and efficiency that has surprised many MPs.

However, the rules appear to be working in favour of behind-the-scenes deals under which many MPs and candidates are renouncing claims on portions of their old, redistributed constituencies in exchange for a clear run in new constituencies.

Those contests which have been held so far have been staged between MPs and, or, candidates with territorial claims on a new constituency and with no politically viable alternative.

In Manchester, for example, three sitting Labour MPs will next week compete for selection for the new seat of Manchester, Central. Mr Charles Morris, MP for Manchester, Openshaw, and former Minister of State for the Civil Service, and another right-winger, Mr George Morton, Manchester, Moss Side, will oppose the left-winger who sits at present for Manchester, Central, Mr Robert Litherland.

The North-west, however, has also been the scene of a remarkable politicl sacrifice by two of Liverpool's selected candidates who support the Militant Tendency. Mr Anthony Mulherne, the candidate for Toxteth, has not challenged Mr Robert Parry, the MP for Scotland, Exchange, for the new seat of Liverpool, Riverside.

Mr Terence Fields, *the* candidate for Kirkdale, also has not challengd Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Walton, for the new, enlarged Walton. Instead Mr Fields has been selected for the new constituency of Broadgreen

The MPs who have been selected, and endorsed, so far, include:

Mr Alfred Dubs, Wandsworth, Battersea, South; Mr Roy Hattersley, Birmingham, Sparkbrook; Mr Jack Straw, Blackburn; Mr John McWilliam, Blaydon; Mr Allan Roberts, Bootle; Mr Frank White, Bury, North; Mr James Callaghan, Cardiff, South, and Penarth; Mr Ronald Lewis, Carlisle; Mr Roger Thomas, Carmarthen; Mr Hugh McCartney, Clydebank and Milngavie; Mr John Cunningham, Copeland; Mr Oswald O'Brien, Darlington; Mr Andrew Bennett, Denton and Reddish; Mr Ian Campbell, Dumbarton; Mr Russell Kerr, Hounslow, Feltham and Heston; Mr Donald Dewar, Glasgow, Garscadden; Mr Hugh Brown, Glasgow, Provan; Mr Austin Mitchell, Grimsby; Mr Clive Soley, Hammersmith; Mr Edward Leadbitter, Hartlepool; Mr Kevin McNamara, Hull, North; Mr Kenneth Weetch, Ipswich; Mr William McKelvey, Kilmarnock and Loudoun; Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Knowsley, North; Mr James Marshall, Leicester, South; Mr Greville Janner, Leicester, West; Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Leigh; Mr Eric Heffer, Liverpool, Walton; Mr Robert Parry, Liverpool, Riverside; Mr Michael McGuire, Makerfield; Mr Gerald Kaufman, Manchester, Gorton; Mr Denzil Davies, Llanelli; Mr Jeremy Bray, Motherwell, South; Mr Ronald Leighton, Newham, North-east; Mr Nigel Spearing, Newham, South; Mr David Ennals, Norwich, North; Mr John Garrett, Norwich, South.

Mr Michael Meacher, Oldham, West; Mr Stanley Thorne, Preston; Mr James Tinn, Redcar; Mr Stanley Crowther, Rotherham; Mr John Evans, St Helens, North; Mr Stanley Orme, Salford, East; Mr Patrick Duffy, Sheffield, Attercliffe; Mr Sydney Bidwell, Ealing, Southall; Mr Jack Ashley, Stoke, South; Mr Donald Anderson, Swansea, East; Mr David Stoddart, Swindon; Dr Oonagh McDonald, Thurrock; Mr Thomas Cox, Wandsworth, Tooting; Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Workington; and Mr Alex Lyon, York.

Poll boost for Irish Government

From Richard Ford
Belfast

The Irish Republic's coalition Government received a considerable boost yesterday with an opinion poll showing that they have a nine-point lead over the Opposition, after a savage budget and at a time when they face a growing tax revolt from the trade unions.

Thousands of trade unionists will take part today in a half-day stoppage, with demonstrations in Dublin and 15 other centres against the country's tax system and the coalition's February budget.

School's, shops offices and factories will close for the afternoon as workers march to protest at the measures introduced by Dr Garret FitzGerald's Government, aimed at reducing the budget deficit and beginning to solve the main economic problems.

● The young wife and son aged 18 months of a Northern Ireland bank official were freed unharmed yesterday after being kidnapped for £100,000 ransom and held for more than five hours!

Four armed and masked men broke into their home at Quigley's Point, in co Donegal.

The raiders snatched Mrs Fingleton and their son Kevin, demanded a ransom and fled to the village of Carndonagh, where they were holding another person hostage at a house.

The police said no ransom had been paid.

Beaten Tory MP accuses party

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that everyone would then rally round *her for the sake of the* party."

He said that *if* necessary he would seek legal advice about getting the meeting held before the end of April.

The repercussions of Miss Brookes's successful ousting of the two MPs are believed by other Conservative MEPs to have damaged their chances of finding Westminster seats. But one, Mr Eric Forth (Birmingham, North), was last night endorsed as prospective candidate for the new safe Westminster seat of Mid Worcestershire.

The most committed "Europeans" among Conservatives claimed yesterday that Mr Forth's success was part of a pattern. Like the other two MEPs chosen for Westminster seats Mr David Narris and Mr John Taylor, he is regarded by colleagues at Strasbourg as on *the right of the* party and sceptical about many aspects of the European Community.

Two enthusiasts for the Community among the MEPs, Mr Stanley Johnson (Wight and Hampshire, East) and Mr Robert Jackson (Upper Thames), have failed to win approval, in spite of many attempts, and their friends attribute this to the Conservative Party's present coolness towards the Community.

One more homeless MP, Mr Robert Atkins, has found a comfortable berth, after long journeying round the country, at South Ribble, bordering his present highly marginal seat of Preston, North, which is to disappear.

Denshore Dover (Chorley) and, by a close vote on the final ballot, Mr Derek Howe, a political adviser at 10 Downing Street.

Mr Dover is sure of selection for the new marginal Chorley seat. Mrs Faith and another displaced member, Sir Nicholas Bonsor (Nantwich), are on the shortlist for Havering, Upminster, for which Mr John Loveridge, the present MP, is not seeking re-election.

Yesterday Mr Ray Mawby, MP for Totnes, spoke of his disappointment at being rejected for each of the two new seats into which his present constituency divides. On Monday he was passed over for the South Hams seat in favour of Mr Anthony Steen, MP for Liverpool, Wavertree. Mr Mawby, who is 61 and was elected in 1955, said he had considered forcing a by-election, but added: "It wonld have gone completely against my basic sense of loyalty

Sale room

Getty museum buys Old Masters

By Huon Mallalieu

The financial power, and also the selectivity, of the Getty Museum, in Malibu, was amply demonstrated in a sale of Old Master drawings at Christie's yesterday, where it bought just four lots but produce almost *half of the sale total of* £540,950.

Its most notable purchase, at £108,000, was a lovely brown ink study by Rembrandt of Christ and the Canaanite Woman (estimate £80,000 to £100,000). It had a particularly strong provenance.

In the eighteenth century it had belonged to three of the most notable English artist-collectors, Jonathan Richardson, his son-in-law, Thomas Hudson, and the latter's pupil, Sir Joshua Reynolds. It was then bought by J. B. S. Morritt, who owned the Rokeby Venus, and in 1969 it was sold by one of his descendants for £30,000.

The other three Getty purchases were all well above estimates. At £51,840 there was a chalk, ink and grey-brown wash, "Assumption" by Rubens, which was carefully drawn for the engraver (estimate £10,000 to £15,000); at £38,880 a brown ink and wash study of the submission of the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa to the Pope by Federico Zuccaro (estimate £6,000 to £8,000); and at £16,200 a chalk "Dream of Aeneas", by Salvator Rosa (estimate £7,000 to £10,000).

Another of the more expensive lots also doubled its upper estimate. It was one of the best ink and wash drawings by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo to come on the market for a long time. It showed Antony kissing the hand of Cleopatra, and it went to a private collector from New York, Ian Woodner, at £60,480 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000).

Some 15.5 per cent of the sale total was bought in, but that was largely accounted for by the failure, at £45,000, of a charming but perhaps too simple ink drawing of a Tuscan hill town by Fra Bartolommeo.

At Sotheby's the main sale of the day was aimed at a very different clientele. They were offering modern sporting guns, firearms and fishing tackle, and the bag was £111,943, with 5 per cent bought in.

Union picks man for safe set

Mr George Galloway, a leading Scottish left-winger and organizer for the Labour Party in Dundee, has been sponsored by the Transport and General Workers' Union for the Labour candidature of the Rhondda parliamentary seat in South Wales, which fell vacant last month after the death of Mr Alec Jones, Labours' shadow Secretary for Wales.

Mr Galloway, aged 28, said yesterday: "I am greatly honoured to be chosen by my union as their candidate for Rhondda."

The seat is regarded as Labour's safest, with a majority at the last election of 31,481, the biggest Labour majority in Britain.

The final selection will take place on May 26. Mr Galloway is also a candidate for the post of the Labour Party's deputy general secretary.

Mr James White, the Labour MP for Glasgow, Pollock is to fight moves by his outgoing left-wing constituency party to block his nomination to the new Pollock seat, created by parliamentary boundary changes.

How parties choose their candidates: 3

Labour rewrites rules to head off challenges

Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, concludes his examination of the parliamentary candidate selection procedures with the Labour Party.

Labour leaders, having already suffered the trauma of selection, reselection and deselection of candidates and MPs, have no intention of allowing the boundary changes to force yet another round of blood-letting on the party.

It was with that in mind that the party's national executive recently rewrote the rule book to ensure that there would be as few challenges to sitting MPs as possible, to increase pressure on local party activists to behave themselves on the eve of an election.

At the party's 1981 conference the executive had agreed the statement that: "In those cases where a reorganized constituency has wholly or partly more than one endorsed prospective candidate, consideration shall be given to the reselection of those persons without inviting nominations from affiliated and party organizations; but if, after this has been done, the constituency Labour Party desires to invite nominations, it shall be free to do so".

That statement was later interpreted, with some panic, as an invitation for the activists to go for open selection procedures the open warfare so feared by the party leadership.

It was therefore decided to overrule the rules; and while *few seasoned party members* believe that Labour will survive the new selection process entirely unscathed, most accept that the executive has done all in its power to limit the damage.

For that purpose, the executive initially listed eight possible permutations.

Constituencies which have been left unchanged by the boundary commissions will have their sitting candidates automatically endorsed by the national executive.

In constituencies where the *majority of the electorate in* the old constituency remains intact and becomes the majority in the new constituency, the candidate representing that majority, if the only candidate with a claim who wishes to stand, shall be automatically endorsed.

In constituencies where more than one candidate has a claim, and those candidates represent a majority of the new constituency electorate, the new constituency party must select one of those candidates, who will be endorsed. In each of those three permutations, the selection process is completely closed.

Full selection procedure was allowed, however, if the candidate or candidates represented only a minority of the electorate of the new constituency, giving two permutations for the possibility of open selection.

The three remaining openings for full selection procedures were: in completely new constituencies; in constituencies left without a competing candidate; and in those constitunencies where the preliminary reseletion conference had not previously been held. Those MPs elected at by-elections were "deemed reselected".

But even those revisions did not go far enough for some so the executive was asked to pass a further amendment to cover groups of constituencies in local government areas which had been rejigged but still had sufficient selected candidates for each new constituency "without need for a full selection process". The party had, indeed got its rules in a twist.

It was ruled that: "Where the boundaries of two or more constituencies adjacent to each other with endorsed candidates are altered, but where the number of seats remains the same and no other constituency is involved, then each of the endorsed candidates shall be treated as having a majority claim in any of the new constituencies which includes a part of his or her old constituency".

That meant that even candidates with minority claims could be automatically endorsed, provided there were no other selected claimants, and provided the same number of constituencies remainded in the same local government area.

Closed selection meetings are now being organized by regional agents of the party up and down the country;

The Labour Party "A" rule book lays down the process of parliamentary candidate selection, starting with the appointment of delegates, by affiliated and party organizations, to a constituency party general committee and executive committee.

Those same organizations "may nominate an individual member of the Labour Party who is not disqualified under the constitution of the Labour Party or under the decisions of party conference, as a parliamentary candidate".

Shortlists are drawn up by executive committees, who then report, along with a list of all valid nominations, to the general committee of the party at an ordinary meeting.

The general committee has the power to add, extend or delete to or from that short list, even to the point of calling nominees in for interview, before fixing a date for a special meeting.

The special meeting of a general committee then picks the candidate on the basis of one delegate, one vote, by eliminating ballot.

The rules then state: "The selection of a prospective parliamentary candidate shall not be regarded as completed until the name of the member selected has been placed before a meeting of the national executive committee, and his or her selection has been duly endorsed".

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Science report

Mysterious return of prehistoric marsh gas

From Pearce Wright
Science Editor
Lancaster

The atmosphere of the Earth is reverting gradually to its prehistoric state, when it was rich in the marsh gas, methane. The reasons for its *steady rise over the past 10 to* 20 years are a mystery.

Yet methane is classed as one of the so-called greenhouse-effect gases such as cardon dioxide, which could cause a warming of the Earth as they increase in the atmosphere.

Sunlight is transmitted through them, but conversely the heat energy that is emitted constantly from the ground as infra-red radiation no longer escapes. It is trapped by the greenhouse gases, and a rise in their concentration would lead to a warming of the atmosphere.

The evidence of the change in the level of methane was discussed yesterday by Dr Alan Eggleton, of the Environmental Science Divison of Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, in a symposium on acid rain held by the Royal Society of Chemistry meeting at Lancaster University.

The connexion between acid rain, produced by sulphur dioxide from coal-fired power stations and nitrous oxides from other industrial sources, and *the discovery of a rise in* methane levels could be fundamentally important in a controversy between Britain and its northern European neighbours.

They accuse the United Kingdom of exporting pollution, which falls as contami*nated rain to kill lakes, forests* and fertile land.

Experts of the Royal Society of Chemistry were divided sharply on what might be done about acid rain because of the complexity of the chemical reaction in the atmosphere which led to its formation.

For instance, Professor Norman Davies, director of the aerosol research laboratory at Essex University, suggested that acid rain might best be combated not by shutting coal-fired power stations but by introducing tight controls on another source of pollution, the emission of hydrocarbons from cars, and petrochemical and oil-burning processes.

He argued that the dicharged hydrocarbons provided the agents for photochemical reactions with supphur materials in fact with sulphur *and nitrous materials to* produce acid rain. Over the long term, however, Professor Davies espoused the need for nuclear power to replace coal burning as an essential way of cutting aci rain.

An opposing argument was put by Mr Brian Price of Earth Resources Research, an environmental group, for the abloption of new types of combustion methods and particulary fluidized bed furnaces in which the sulphur is combined with the ash.

A neutral view was offered by Dr Eggleton, *a member of* the United Nations scientific group known as the Coordinating Committee of the Ozone Layer.

In studying atmospheric chemistry, research groups in a number of countries had revealed different catalysts and reactions that influenced acid rain formation.

One of those substances they had found in recent monitoring was the alteration in the level of methane. It was important, Dr Eggleton said, to discover where the increase was coming from and what effect it was having in the reactions in the troposphere,

'New blood' jobs for universities

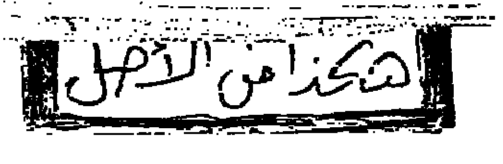
The Government announced yesterday that 312 new jobs are to be created in universities for scientists and researchers, pre*dominantly in engineering*, information technology and the natural sciences.

The jobs will be reserved for academics aged under 35, in the hope of introducing "new blood", as the average age of university staff is rising.

But the distribution of the posts by the University Grants Committee has been criticized for bias towards Oxbridge, London and the established universities and against the newer, more "technological", universities.

Professor John Ashworth, Vice-chancellor of Salford University, a former college of advanced technology, said that the UGC had failed to grasp the need of universities in close contact with industry.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 850 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.60; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq ID 0.500; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.600; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 120; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 120; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L$5.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 80.



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'Invisible mastermind' behind £2m gold fraud plot, QC says

An invisible man was a key figure in a £2m gold fraud conspiracy, Southwark Crown Court, in London, was told yesterday. The plot relied on a front man trading under a false name who "totally vanished", Mr Paul Purnell, QC, for the prosecution, said.

The man took considerable risks for a group set to make millions by not paying value-added tax on gold it had sold on the London gold market, Mr Purnell said. Eight men have denied conspiracy to defraud the Customs and Excise of VAT between November, 1981, and March, 1982.

"The scale of the operation was immense. The defendants manipulated the particular VAT exemptions on some gold coins to make a substantial amount of money dishonestly and defraud the customs of more than £2m in tax money", Mr Purnell said.

The group bought more than 75,000 gold coins, mainly Canadian maple leafs and krugerrands, on which VAT was not charged. The coins were melted and sold as pure gold, on which 15 per cent VAT was charged, but never paid.

"It must have been painful for anyone in the jewelry trade to reduce works of some skill to lumps of metal. It does not *make sense at first.*

"But the root of this fraud is to melt the coin into scrap and pass it down the fine pretending VAT has been paid on it, while in fact the 15 per cent has gone into the pockets of the people who are perpetrating the fraud", Mr Purnell said.

The group set up two front men as traders at the end of the line. But as the operation was finishing and customs men looked for them to claim the VAT "one was not there".

The customs men who had carried out surveillance on the group, found his bank accounts had been terminated and his premises vacated. "He had even changed his appearance radically and, in a real sense, he had disappeared."

But the second front man, trading under another name, was put in by the group after the first man had vanished. So his process of disappearing was not quite complete, Mr Purnell said.

"Like the Cheshire cat in *Alice in Wonderland*, the smile still remained."

The two front men were named by Mr Purnell as Ronald Evans, aged 42, of Myddleton Square, London, and Peter Barguss, aged 44, of Petersham Road, Richmond. Mr Evans, he said, traded under the name of Roberts and Mr Barguss under Jennings.

Counsel alleged that one of the masterminds behind the fraud was Charles Wilson, aged 51, of Craneford Way, Twickenham, south-west London.

Two other men, not in the dock, were also "in the top league of the fraud", Mr Purnell said. They had disappeared.

He named them as Daniel Redman, who "took advantage of a massive part of the proceeds", and Mr Raj, "the financier who gained a considerable amount of the dishonest proceeds". Then, Mr Purnell said, came Roy James, aged 47, of Highfield Road, Purley, south London.

There were four other men Mr Purnell said: Gavin Dias, aged 26, of Newbury Park, Ilford; Ronald Lampart, aged 46, of Canterbury Avenue, Ilford; Andrew Daniels, aged 28, of Harris Close, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, and Wayne Myers, aged 28, of Woodcock Hill, Kenton, Harrow, all trading under Illuminate Limited, with premises in Hatton Garden.

"They were concerned in the manufacture and sale of gold jewelry. Together with Mr James they used their skills and company as a means by which the fraud could be carried out, for 1 per cent of the turnover.

The hearing continues today.



Mr Roche reunited with his wife on the return of the Baltic Ferry (inset). Photographs: Bill Warhurst.

Return of a Falklands veteran

Antony Roche, aged 43, a motorman in the Townsend Thoresen ship Baltic Ferry, was entitled to smile when he disembarked at Felixstowe yesterday (Rupert Morris writes). As he embraced his wife he was able not only to pride himself on having served on board Britain's longest continuously serving ship in the Falklands, the Baltic Ferry has been in action there since it was requisitioned in Felixstowe on May 1 last year, but also to look forward to relaxing on leave until September, 1984.

Under the terms of the agreement reached between the National Union of Seamen and the Ministry of Defence, he is entitled to a day off for every day worked, together with an annual leave entitlement of 82 days. He said that he and his wife, who live in Keyham, Plymouth, would have a holiday in America.

The Baltic Ferry saw action when unloading supplies in San Carlos Water, and was buffeted by storms on the way home.

Automatic dialling car phone

A car radiophone service which will alllow drivers to dial automatically a telephone number without waiting for an operator is to be launched tomorrow, initially in the south-east, by British Telecom.

The rest of Britain will be offered the service by the end of the year. Drivers will be routed directly to any of Britain's homes which have a telephone or connected to the international direct dialling services of more than 125 countries.

The telephone will cost about £2,000, and more than £100 a quarter to rent.

New rail union elects leader

Mr Colin Coley, aged 43, a guard at New Street station, Birmingham, was elected chairman of the newly formed Federation of Professional Railway Staff at Derby yesterday. The federation was formed by disaffected members of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), after last year's strikes.

The federation becomes an unlisted union today. Although it is still seeking certification it will start paying benefits on May 1. The federation has 750 members.

Festival tower plan dropped

A plan to build a futuristic £400,000 observation tower at the Liverpool International Garden Festival is to be abandoned.

Construction difficulties and a tight schedule mean that it will not feature in a £13.8m conversion of derelict dockland into parkland and gardens for the 1984 festival.

Bishops to hear plea for group confession

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

An international meeting of bishops in Rome in the autumn is likely to hear an urgent appeal on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales for permission to administer the sacrament of penance, commonly called confession, to large groups of people without the private recital of sins to a priest.

The Vatican has more than once refused such permission, although the bishops of England and Wales have been convinced for some time that group confession holds an answer to the decline in this sacrament, which has alarmed them.

Saturday morning queues of people waiting their turn in the confession box were once a routine feature of church life, but they have dwindled to almost nothing.

The Roman Catholic Episcopal Conference of England and Wales is meeting to prepare its contribution to the Synod of Bishops, whose theme is reconciliation.

That is the name by which the sacrament is sometimes known. It offers the bishops an opportunity to put their case to the church at large, in the hope that if church leaders from other countries support them, the Pope might authorize a change in policy.

The form of sacrament which can be administered en masse is called "general absolution". A rite for it is officially authorized, but the conditions attached restrict it to certain circumstances.

Those taking part in such a service are deemed to have received sacramental absolution, just as in the more traditional private confession, and it is an implied condition that they should call to mind their sins and be sorry for them.

The Vatican stepped in when English Roman Catholic priests first started using general absolution and ruled that it had to be reserved for exceptional circumstances. The example usually cited is for a unit of soldiers about to go into battle.

In some parts of England bishops have made known that priests can still use their private judgment and could regard certain occasions, such as a large congregation or a special service in Lent, as constituting "exceptional pastoral need".

Priests often report remarkable results from such occasions and claim that many people return to the traditional practice of regular private confession as a result.

Opinions vary as to why the use of private confession has fallen away and why general absolution seems to be so successful when it has been used. The phenomenon has been linked to the issue of contraception, which is said to have persuaded many married Roman Catholics to avoid the confession box.

Mob incited to riot, court told

A man and two youths tried to organize a rioting mob to stage a concerted attack on the police during a night of "appalling violence" on a Liverpool housing estate, a court was told yesterday.

The three shouted and urged on youngsters in a courtyard in Sir Thomas White Gardens, Everton, as the police were pelted with missiles, it was stated at Liverpool Crown Court.

When the police finally arrested the three by using a sledgehammer to smash into their barricaded third-floor flat and vantage point, the night's troubles soon ended, Mr Jack Cowan, for the prosecution, said.

Patrick Chiocchi, aged 45, and Patrick Chiocchi Jnr, aged 17, both of Sir Thomas White Gardens, and a youth aged 16, have all pleaded not guilty to inciting residents to assemble riotously to assault Merseyside police officers on August 4 last. They also deny two charges of fighting and making an affray.

Mr Cowan said trouble began shortly before 11pm on August 3. "Broadly speaking, police officers who were on duty in the area came under attack from a number of youths throwing stones and various objects at them. The officers had to withdraw from Sir Thomas White Gardens until more officers came to assist them.

"The time came when a number of officers tried to get in because a barricade had been laid to prevent police and people trying to assist them from getting into that area."

Mr Cowan said that while some people threw objects at the officers, others were encouraging them and shouting abuse from balconies around the courtyards of the flats.

The people on the balconies included the three defendants, he added. During a lull in the disturbance police withdrew without attempting to arrest the three, but about 2am trouble flared again.

Mr Cowan said: "The police officers again came under attack from a number of youths within Sir Thomas White Gardens, this time assisted by these three defendants, throwing objects at police officers rather as others bent on violence were doing, but additionally actually inciting these persons to riot."

The three were encouraging the mob to form a cohesive group to lead a full attack against the police.

Police eventually managed to get to the third floor flat, where they found the door closed and "blocked in such a way that ordinary physical force would not move it and an officer had to use a sledgehammer

Mr Cowan said that "appalling violence" took place, but within a very short time of "these three incitors of the mob" being arrested the area quietened down.

The trial continues today.

'Gandhi' triumph cited

£30m fund sought to boost films

By Christopher Warman, Arts Correspondent

A £30m aid fund to secure the future of the British film industry, raised through a tax on cinema admission and video, television and cable film sales, was urged on the Government yesterday, by the newly Directors Guild of Great Britain.

While the celebrations continued in Hollywood after the triumph of the British film *Ghandi*, winnerf eight Oscars, representatives of the guild, led by Mr Piers Haggard, its chairman, met Mr Ian Sproat, Under-Secretary for Trade to emphasize the need for more finance to help British film-makers.

The guild, whose members include Sir Richard Attenborough, director of Ghandhi, leading directors in films, the theatre and radio and television, was able to back it appeal by illustrating the talent in Britain that had recently produced not only *Ghandhi*, but also *Nicholas Nickleby* in the theatre, the award winning film *Chariots of Fire* and the television successes, *Brideshead Revisited* and *Voyage Round My Father*.

The deputation told Mr Sproat that while British theatre and television were relatively healthy, it was only American companies that had fully recognized and used the talents of British film directors. Britain had also managed to maintain a technical infrastructure able to support much higher production levels through American help.

"It is clear that if the finance were more readily available Britain could become a major provider of films for international markets. It is absurd that we are not exploiting the opportunities open to us."

The guild wants the system known as the Eady levy, a tax on cinema admissions, to be brought up to date and used to raise £30m to £50m a year to help the industry.

Last year the levy brought in £4m of which £1.5m went to the National Film Finance Corporation, £400,000 to the National Film and Television School, and £125,000 to the British Film Institute, with the balance going to film makers in proportion to their success.

In its submission to the Government, which is reviewing the future of the levy, the Guild argues that none of the money raised should be allocated on an automatic basis to producers "as a reward for the theatrical success of their films".

It wants the money, coming from cinema admissions, videocassettes and video-recorder manufacture and import, and television networks, cable or satellite systems showing feature films to be used principally to finance an expanded, and considerably restructured, National Film Finance Corporation.

Part of the money should be used for the refurbishment and improvemant of old cinemas

Acknowledging recent successes, the guild concluded: "Indigenous Bitish film production has undergone a modest revival in recent months, but it would be foolish to consider this as an indication that we now have a healthy and fully fledged industry.

Police work 'thwarted by teachers'

By David Walker

Small groups of teachers ill disposed towards the police have on occasion manipulated their colleagues to produce a breakdown in police liaison with schools, a report by the Inspectors of Schools said yesterday.

The inspectors reported incidents where a police operation involving young people "enabled a small group of teachers to capitalize upon the general unease among teachers that the particular incident has generated".

The inspectors' code of practice forbids them from naming particular schools or local authority areas, but they certainly have in mind incidents in racially mixed Hackney, east London. Militant teachers there have on several occasions "blacked" all contact with the Metropolitan Police.

The inspectors' report implies that such incidents are rare.

Police Liaison with theEducation Service (Department of Education and Science, Publications Dispatch Centre, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 1AZ, free).

Surgeon seeks to appeal

Paul Vickers, aged 48, the surgeon jailed for life for murdering his wife with a course of anti-cancer drug tablets, is seeking leave to apppeal against his conviction in the Court of Appeal in London next Monday.

It was recommended that Vickers, of Moor Crescent, Gosforth, Tyne and Wear, should serve at least 17 years after his conviction at Teesside Crown Court in November, 1981.

Corbett ill

Ronnie Corbett, the comedian, has a virus infection, causing the cancellation of *The Two Ronnies* show at the London Palladium last night and tonight. But the presenters said yesterday they hoped Mr Corbett would be fit enough to resume with his partner, Ronnie Barker, tomorrow.

Loss of 17,000 phone boxes predicted

By Kenneth Gosling

Britain will lose nearly 17,000 of its 77,000 public telephone boxes if British Telecom is sold off to private investors, a union forecast yesterday.

They would never be replaced, Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, one of the biggest of British Telecom's six unions, said after a survey carried out in all the union's areas.

Mr Alan Tuffin

But while British Telecom agreed on the figure given by the union of financial losses sustained by the service, nearly £77m last year, it queried specific figures of the disappearance of kiosks.

It pointed out that after privatization British Telecom would still be required to continue the kiosk service, which was first introduced in Britain in the form of "wooden greenhouses" at the beginning of the century.

The union's calculations also exclude 300,000 boxes not located outdoors or in railway stations, airports and other public places.

Mr Tuffin said that areas such as Devon, Cornwall and the Lake District would be badly affected.

● Industrial action by the Post Office Engineering Union in opposition to the Government's plan to privatize British Telecom was stepped up yesterday when it withdrew members employed on the maintenance of the Whitehall telephone system. The 35 members involved maintain the Government's won telephone exchange which serves all the principal Whitehall buildings.

Disc jockey tells court of threats

Mr Noel Edmonds, the disc jockey, told a court yesterday that he had received a telephone call in which a man threatened to break him, wreck his home and destroy him professionally. He said he believed that the man was Basil Wainwright, who is accused at Worcester Crown Court of dishonestly obtaining more than £40,000 from him.

Mr Edmonds described the threats on the second day of the trial in which Mr Wainwright, aged 48, of Yardley Wood, Birmingham, denies a total of 22 charges, including nine of theft.

The court was told on Monday that Mr Edmonds had paid £70,000 into a firm called Creaseglen Ltd, of Redditch, Hereford and Worcester. It was set up by Mr Wainwright and Mr Edmonds to develop a hydro-wing power-boat called Excalibur, in which Mr Edmonds hoped to beat the world water speed record. The court was told that all Mr Edmonds got for his money was a miniature model of the boat.

Mr Edmonds said yesterday that he became suspicious of how his money was being used, in July, 1981. He then confronted Mr Wainwright in front of television cameras at the Redditch factory. A few days later he received the threatening telephone call.

Sheril Cuffe, aged 29, of Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, Mr Wainwright's former secretary, has also pleaded not guilty to 10 charges,

The trial continues today.

Lecturer's win against Law Society

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mr Francis Reynolds, the law lecturer who changed his name to Mr Whatsisname in his fight to break the solicitors' conveyancing monopoly, won a small victory yesterday in his continuing fight against the Law Society.

Mr Reynolds, aged 49, is contesting the Bill of Costs for nearly £2,000 he incurred after losing his appeal in 1980 against conviction on charges of preparing conveyancing documents as an unqualified person under the Solicitors Act, 1974.

He claimed that his bills were drawn up by a clerk in the *Law Society's* firm of solicitors, and not a qualified solicitor, and that thereby the Law Society had indirectly breached the same Act under which he himself was convicted.

Yesterday Lord Justice Goff and Mr Justice Mann in the High Court held that a City of London magistrate, Mr D B Harrison, was wrong to refuse Mr Reynolds leave to issue a summons against the clerk, Mr John Searle, of Richards, Butler & Company, solicitors.

Giving judgment after the one-hour hearing in which Mr Reynolds, representing himself, sought judicial review of the magistrates' decision, Lord Justice Goff said it seemed that the magistrate reached his decision on the basis that there was no substance in the summons, "in other words, it was frivolous".

"I am not holding out any hope that in the outcome Mr Reynolds will prove to be right, but in my judgment Mr Harrison erred in law in saying there was absolutely no substance to this point."

The court therefore quashed the magistrate's refusal and directed that leave be granted for the summons to be issued.

But it rejected Mr Reynolds's claim that the decision had been biased. He had argued that there had been a breach of natural justice because, first, both the magistrate and his clerk were solicitors; second, the clerk stayed in the room when the magistrate made his decision; and third, there were two other magistrates in the room.

Afterwards Mr Reynolds, a Birmingham Polytechnic lecturer who first took on the Law Society nearly ten years ago, said he would be bringing the prosecution himself. "I am rather pleased. This is the biter bit."

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Minister attacked from both sides over CABs

COMMONS

The Government is to hold an early and independent review of the staff and efficiency of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux by management consultants or by Department of Trade inspection services, Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Consumer Affairs, announced in a statement in the Commons. He was frequently interrupted as he maintained that the steps he was taking in connexion with the citizens advice bureaux had nothing to do with the current Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament campaign. The steps had first been noted some months ago.

All I am seeking from the association (he said), is an assurance that improper activities are not taking place, will not be countenanced and will not take place.

In his statement on the action he had taken on the grant-in-aid to the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, Dr Vaughan said the organization fulfilled an important national and local role which the Government fully supported.

I feel I must make that absolutely clear (he said). We have the fullest confidence in the citizens advice bureaux movement as a whole. It is a fine example of volunteers and professionals working together for the good of the community.

Our support has been shown by the rapid increase in this Government's funding. In 1970-80, it was £1.85m; in 1980-81, £4.02m; in 1981-82, £4.91m; £5.75m in 1982-83; and now £6.04m in 1983-84.

This money does not go directly to the local bureaux which receive some £10m from local authorities; the Government grant goes to NACAB, the central body, and is used to finance a range of support services for all bureaux.

But increases of this order can have disadvantages and I felt it proper to inquire if the money was being used effectively. I started looking at this in June last year. I may say one of the difficulties which they have freely admitted to me is that they have been without a permanent director from April 1982 to February 1983.

That is one aspect that has concerned me. The other has been allegations of changing attitudes within some citizens advice bureaux and the taking of campaigns which some people have seen as going outside the generally accepted scope of the service.

For example a local chairman resigned rently after 30 years in the service out of disgust at what was happening in his area and of course I asked the National Association of CABs to look into this.

I am glad to say the NACAB now have a permanent director and I welcome this. In my letter to the chairman on March 21 I said I was not sure whether the present level of grant was correct and that I intended to authorize a six month grant with a review thereafter.

In this context I said would expect the association to tell me in good time before the middle of the year how it is dealing with the various matters I have raised with the association. To ensure that the money is being effectively used I have proposed, with the full support of the association itself, an early and independent review of its staffing and efficiency.

They have also agreed to draft guidelines on the need for impartiality and avoiding activities which can be seen as politically motivated.

My aim throughout has been to endorse and support the giving of accurate and impartial advice and information where it is needed and to ensure that the considerable sums of public money are put to the best use.

These steps have absolutely nothing to do with the current CND campaign and were first mooted some months ago. I hope the House will accept that these steps are simply a prudent exercise of responsibility.

Mr Peter Archer, chief Opposition spokesman on consumer affairs, (Warley, West, Lab): The House will welcome what he said about his confidence in the CAB. Does he not appreciate that vague insinuations of the kind which have emerged over the weekend are grossly unfair and very damaging.

If he was withholding aid in consequence of complaints about the conduct of the national association or any specific detail should not they have first been made specifically and in detail to give the association the opportunity to answer them?

After hearing from the association about any outstanding complaints will he arrange for a proper investigation by an impartial investigator or withdraw all these allegation?

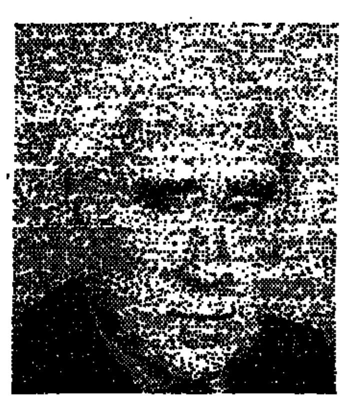
Dr Vaughan: There has been no cut. The grant is running at the same rate. All I have suggested is that it would be sensible to review the allocation of money and the management of the central system over six months. I have linked this closely with the appointment of the new director and the review.

When it comes to individual complaints and investigations, I do not think it is for me to go into the detail of statements. The proper function of the organization is to run its own affairs – (Labour shouts of "Without money") – and to assure him and the House and the public that these affairs are properly conducted and that there is no substance in the various allegation that have been made.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C): Many of us will regard his criticisms of the CBS as almost an insinuation that they are not doing an effective job. In my view they do an invaluable job in explaining Government policy at all levels and Government activity and also making people aware of the benefits of Government help that are available to them which they may not otherwise discover.

They are an enormous help in the process and progress of democracy. I hope he will do nothing to discourage their activities and progress.

Dr Vaughan: I am glad to endorse the importance of the service which he has just drawn attention to. I think that is shown by the steady


Crouch: Invaluable job


Archer: Vague insinuations

increase in Government funding in recent years.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L): This is mean-minded harassment of people who achieve a high ratio of public good to public cost, undreamt of in the Department of Trade. Who will conduct the review and how, and will it be accompanied by a stream of similar publicity?

Dr Vaughan: It will be undertaken either by management consultants (Labour protests and cries of "What's the fee?") or by our own staff inspection services. I shall be consulting NACAB on that before I finally decide.

The investigation will have to be completed quickly and thoroughly. I am confident that it will be of value to the service as a whole. I do not accept the other rmarks Mr Wainwright made.

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab): Has the minister read *The Sunday Times* which this week says that the minister and his constituency that Joan Ruddock was using public funds given to the CAB to subsidize CND activity? Is that not yet another smear on the CND and Mrs Ruddock.

I understand that today legal opinion is being sought on what appears to be a serious libel both by the Minister and by *The Sunday Times*.

Dr Vaughan: The article is totally inaccurate in that it states that a cut has been made. No cut has been made. I have said on a number of occasions since this action was taken that it has nothing to do with Mrs Ruddock and the CND movement.

It is correct that the complaint was put to me and I passed to the chairman of NACAB, who gave an assurance that there was no substance in this. I accept her word.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Runcorn, C): In Runcorn the CAB does an enormous amount of good and valuable work and I have never heard any suggestion of political bias during the years I have represented the constituency.

What, if any, specific details of complaints he has received, and what, if any, specific proposals for change, did he put to the CAB before making public that he was withholding half the grant.

Dr Vaughan: I did not make this public. I thought that funding was a matter for the national association itself to deal with.

I have had between 30 and 40 complaints of various kinds. The majority have been put to me as information it was thought proper to put to me and I have been asked not to involve local people with them. That is something I respect.

I have made clear, and will again, that all I am seeking from the organization is an assurance that improper activities are not taking place, will not be countenanced and will not take place.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C): Many of us are stout supporters of the CAB because of the great work they do for the less well-off people of this country.

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea North, Lab): Did he or did he not make statements about misuse of funds by Mrs Ruddock which were quoted?

Dr Vaughan: I have never implied there was any misuse of funds. An inquiry was put to me as to how somebody who was thought to be a full-time paid employee of the organization was able to devote so much time to other things. I simply passed this inquiry on. It was an inquiry, not a complaint and I was fully satisfied by the answer which the chairman gave me.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C): Mrs Ruddock is my constituent and in my opinion she has never let her zeal for the CND affect her work.

Dr Vaughan: I have never implied that there was a connexion between the CAB and the CND movement.

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Lab): He will have to do very much better than he has done today if he is to convince us and the national association that the CAB is not being victimized as a result of a narrow, bigoted, party political vendetta that he is pursuing against Mrs Ruddock, who just happens to work in the CAB in Reading, which he represents.

The only way he can convince this House he has not embarked on such a vendetta is to apologize now and to restore the £6m immediately.

Dr Vaughan: He is still persisting in this allegation when I have said it is wholly unfounded.

Mr John Fraser, for the Opposition (Lambeth, Norwood): This unhappy episode has the fingerprints of the Prime Minister all over it. Does he recognize the degree to which the slur in his statement is likely to undermine the support of CABs at local level?

Nobody in the Commons would deny his right to demand efficiency, but nobody would grant him the right to make unsubstantiated allegations against a well respected movement.

Will he take this last opportunity to withdraw these allegations and give an assurance that the grant will remain untouched and uninterfered with?

Dr Vaughan: His opening remarks were improper. When it comes to slurs, they have been coming from the Labour benches. I hope that my remarks will be seen not as allegations against the organization but as a whole-hearted and warm endorsement of what they do.

Little future in protecting yesterday's jobs

THE ECONOMY

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, was challenged during questions Commons about the possible suppression of a report to the meeting of the National Economic Development Council on Monday stating that there would be no growth in employment this decade.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab) referring to the loss of 300,000 jobs in the West Midlands in the past three years, asked: Are these figures in the Nedc report discussed yesterday when some Government ministers were proposing that the report should be suppressed?

Can she tell us whether the report is suggesting that there will be no increase in jobs this decade? Does she agree with the report or disagree? What was the reason for the proposed suppression?

Mrs Thatcher: I understand that colleagues who attended the meeting argued strongly about the report and so did the CBI. They can see some improvement in the prospects for the future. They kow that there are new jobs coming from the new industries and that there is little future for anyone if money is poured into protecting yesterday's jobs rather than helping to support new ones.

Mr Roy Jenkins, Leader of the SDP (Glasgow, Hillhead, SDP): Will the Prime Minister tell us why Mr Geoffrey Chandler, Director General of the National Economic Development Office, was given such a rough time at Nedc? Is he to be made the Campbell Adamson of the next election?

Mrs Thatcher: I think he forgets that Campbell Adamson was director of the CBI. On this occasion the CBI were supporting the view taken by the Government, so there is obviously no similarity between the two at all.

Mr John Dormand (Easington, Lab): What is the essential difference between the upturn on the economy that is being forecast by the Government and the three previous similar forecasts that did not materialize?

Mrs Thatcher: One of the differences is that we appear to be getting an upturn in several countries simultaneously, which was not the case before.

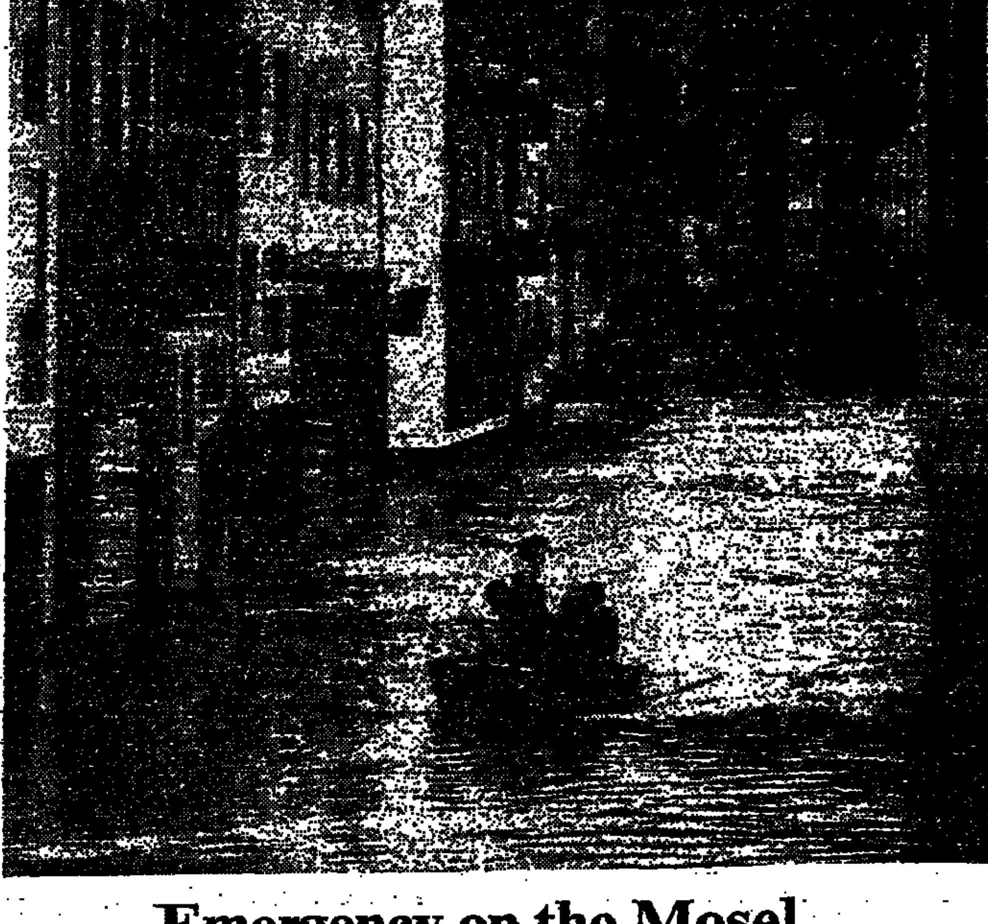
When we had the first upturn here towards the end of 1981-82 they were at the same time going through the worst of the recession in Germany. There are signs of a similar upturn in the United States, here and in Germany. We believe they are not merely recovering from the rundown on stocks.

Thatcher backs armed police

The overwhelming majority of British people supported arming the police when they were dealing with people who were armed, Mrs Thatcher the Prime Minister, said during a question on the police using weapons.

Sir Anthony Grant (Harrow, Central, C) said: The police are held in much higher esteem than some left-wing cranks would have us believe. If in certain circumstances they should consider it necessary to use weapons to combat armed crime, they will have the whole-hearted backing of the Government in so doing.

Mrs Thatcher: We rely on the police as the first arm of the law to enforce order and bring people before the courts. Sometimes they have an extremely dangerous job to do and when they are likely to have to deal with people who are armed, in these circumstances and in accordance with the guidelines of the Home Office, they can go out armed.



Emergency on the Mosel

Firemen take supplies by boat to people marooned by floods in the West German city of *Zell*. The floods, after several days of heavy rain, came as the Mosel overflowed its banks.

Yesterday, shipping on the Rhine and Mosel was halted and disaster alerts declared in the cities of Bonn, Cologne and Trier as flooding spread through south-western Germany.

Firemen and volunteers worked all night in Trier laying sandbags and pumping water flooding from the Mosel, swollen by rain in France and West Germany. Some residents had to be evacuated by boat.

River police said shipping on the Rhine had been suspended until at least next week as the river rose to its highest level since 1970. Shipping was also halted on the Mosel and several smaller rivers in the south-west. The Rhine was almost 19ft above its normal level in Bonn and officials said the water was still rising as torrential rain continued to fall. Flood waters spread to within 100 yards of Parliament.

Riverside residential areas in Cologne, Bonn and Koblenz were flooded, causing damage worth millions of marks. All roads from West Germany to Luxembourg were closed by the floods.

In neighbouring north-eastern France, three people were reported drowned and two motorists were missing after three days of flooding.

Cambodia 'massacre' inquiry call

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

The anti-Vietnamese coalition Government of Cambodia has called on the United Nations Secretary-General to send a commission of inquiry to investigate allegations that Vietnamese troops massacred hundreds of civilians in western Cambodia on April 4.

Mr Son Sann, the Prime Minister in the coalition, said yesterday before leaving Bangkok for Paris that United Nations experts should also inquire into the disappearance of thousands of civilians from the area where the alleged massacre took place.

The accusations, he said, were based on accounts given to him by wounded Cambodians *in an International Red Cross* hospital in the Thai province of Surin, just across the border from the resistancce base at Sihanoukville where the massacre is said to have occurred.

They told him that hundreds of civilians, including women and children, had died when Vietnamese soldiers herded large groups of them into bunkers and ditches and attacked them

A spokesman for Mr Son Sann admitted that there was much conflicting testimony

European cities seek nuclear-free zones

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Local authority leaders from five countries agreed in Brussels yesterday to work together to turn Europe into a nuclear free zone. The five countries are those in which Nato intends to deploy medium-range missiles from the end of this year if there is no breakthrough in the Geneva arms talks.

The Brussels two-day meeting essentially agreed to spread an idea, born in Manchester, all over the Continent. That idea was successfully put forward by Mr William Risby in 1981 to declare the city a nuclear-free zone.

Since then, at least 140 other local authorities in Britain, all Labour held, have followed this example, as have a growing number of local authorities in Belgium, The Netherlands, West Germany and Italy.

Mr Risby and Mr Michael Burns, chairman of the South Yorkshire County Council, both attended the Brussels meeting. "The time is now ripe for the forging of international links", Mr Burns said.

He emphasized the need to start a campaign in schools to oppose the nuclear arms race and this point was firmly taken up in the final appeal of the meeting. It encourages educational authorities "to stimulated peace studies in their schools and colleges for the general public".

Hongkong police fears

Hongkong (Reuter) – One thousand Chinese policemen, worried about their future after 1997 when most of Hongkong is due to revert to China, are seeking British citizenship and the right to live in the United Kingdom, a spokesman for the Police Inspectors' Association said yesterday.

A petition will be sent to the Home Secretary in London asking him to grant them citizenship on the basis of their service in the British Colony.

The British Nationality Act gives the British Government power to grant citizenship to aliens and Commonwealth residents on the basis of their service to the Crown.

Hongkong citizens born in the Colony are entitled to a Hongkong British passport, which does not include the right to live in Britain.

Britain and China are negotiating over Hongkong's future after 1997, when the British lease on most of it expires.

Bill likely on union democracy

EMPLOYMENT

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said he intended to publish as soon as possible the Government's conclusions on what legislative steps might need to be taken on trade union democracy.

He explained that the period for consultations on the Green Paper *Democracy and Trade Unions* had ended and he was considering the 147 responses which had been received. The Government's conclusions would be published as a White Paper or in some other suitable form.

Sir Willaim van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C): Will he give due weight to representations from industrialists in relation to the possibility of compulsory ballots before strikes that this might actually introduce rigidity into the situation at the point where flexibility would be more desirable.

Mr Tebbit: I understand the point and this has been made by a number of people who have responded to the consultations. The measures which are brought forward will not only be effective, they will be highly flexible too.

Mr William Walker (Perth and East Perthshire, C): Will further legislation be considered?

Mr Tebbit: The overwhelming thrust of the responses we have received has been to suggest that legislation is needed to improve practice in the trade unions and ensure some adequate measure of democracy in them.

Mrs Shirley Williams (Crosby, SDP): In the light of the disturbing indicators about employment prospects in the next decade from Neddy, would he look again at the green paper to embrace proposals on industrial democracy and combine with the proposals for which he took from my party a proposal for a vote by shareholders before finance is made to the Conservative Party?

Mr Tebbit: I am not sure to which of her parties she refers – (laughter) – the old one or the new one. (Interruption). The new one she tells me. I can assure her I came to the conclusion these proposals were needed before she swopped parties *after she was defeated*.

She is confusing democracy in the trade unions the subject of the green paper, which is about returning the property of the unions to those who rightly own them, the trade unionists, with her proposals to give away the property of companies to people who do not own that property.


Tebbit: Effective and flexible measures

Mr Eric Varley, Chief Opposition spokesman in employment (Chesterfield, Lab): When is he going to produce a Green Paper in democracy in employers' associations, particularly on the undemocratic and unauthorized business and company contributions to the Conservative Party which neither have the consent nor approval of ordinary shareholders?

Mr Tebbit: These matters are governed by the Companies Act. Such contributions have to be reported to the shareholders who have absolute power over them.

Mr Robert Atkins (Preston North, C): Has he received representations from Conservative trade unionists, organizations which represent more moderate people in industry than almost anything else, for proposals *to opt into the political levy rather* than opt out?

Mr Tebbit: I have received comments on the proposals from Conservative trade unionists and from trade unionists in any party and no party. All point in the same direction – that indicated by the Green Paper.

Critic told to talk to Ford strikers

When a Labour backbencher complained in the Commons about the high level of unemployment on Merseyside, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, advised him to talk to the Ford strikers at Halewood.

Tell them bluntly (he continued) that until they match the production standards of workers in Germany on exactly the same equipment, there is singularly little prospect for increased employment in the British motor industry.

He was answering Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, Lab) who said that in some inner city areas male unemployment was as high as 50 per cent, a horrendous figure. He wanted to know what plans the Government had to reduce it, and called for urgent talks with the chairman of Kraft Foods Ltd who had announced job cuts in Kirkby.

Mr Eric Varley, chief Opposition spokesman on employment (Chesterfield, Lab): When will unemployment return to the level inherited by this Government on May 4, 1979?

Mr Tebbit: I hope during one of our future many terms of office as a Conservative Government, but above all when industry becomes more competitive and satisfies the needs of its customers and can take better advantage of, for example, the *record retail sales which* are now going on, the fact that in the first three months of this year for the first time ever we sold over 500,000 cars in this country an in which, right across the economy, there is a boom in consumption and it is up to British industry to satisfy it.

Mr Varley: Why does he not say he does not know? Is it not now a fact that the campaign the Conservative Party conducted prior to the last election, a campaign which said unemployment would go down from that unacceptable level, was a campaign of sheer hypocrisy?

Mr Tebbit: No. If we wanted a campaign of hypocrisy we would have used his election address. He knows perfectly well that unemployment has increased by a larger amount in Germany and Norway and in other countries since May, 1979. (Interruptions) It is no good anyone shouting "It is a lie". I am perfectly willing to publish the figures that show it is true.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C) said it would help to cut unemployment significantly if the British people, before buying, were to think British.

Local parties do choosing

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said she could not answer for the selection of Conservative parliamentary candidates, when reference was made to prospective Tory candidate who was not approved because his wife was opposed to fox-hunting.

Mr Thomas Cox (Wandsworth, Tooting, Lab) asked: Is Mrs Thatcher aware that a prospective parliamentary Conservative candidate has not been approved, apparently because his wife has expressed opposition to fox-hunting?

Can she say whether or not she approves of that decision and if so, why? If she does not, will she condemn this deplorable action from a party that is always talking about the personal freedom of the individual?

Mrs Thatcher: I answer for amny things from this box, but not for the selection of Conservative candidates. (Labour cries of "Oh".) Local parties choose them themselves.

New assessment system for Scottish children

EDUCATION

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, outlined in a statement in the Commons proposed changes in the arrangements for the curriculum and assessment of 14 to 16 year olds in school in Scotland.

Mr Younger said: One of my main concerns since coming into office has been to advance a development programme designed to introduce radical new arrangements for the curriculum and assessment of all 14 to 16 year olds at school in Scotland, building on the recommendations of the *Munn* and *Dunning* reports published in 1977.

I am glad to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the sterling efforts of all those who have taken on the burden of the development work since then and who have ensured the success of the programme, the results of their work were fully reported in the consultative paper *The Munn and Dunning Reports: Framework for Decision, which I published in September last* year.

I received several hundred comments upon that paper and I am very grateful for the time and thought which was put into them. The respondents overwhelmingly supported the principle of the introduction of the arrangements proposed in the paper. I have considered their comments and I have decided to implement the new system along the following lines.

I believe that the eight modes of study proposed by the Munn Committee provide a curriculum framework which all schools should adopt, taking account of the particular needs of each school and its pupils. Within this framework all pupils should study English, mathematics and science, and there will be considerable scope for pupil choice of other subjects.

I accept the Dunning Committee's proposal for one certificate for all pupils based on the three levels of syllabus of foundation, general and credit. Pupils will be assessed against performance standards related to the syllabuses they are studying, practical skills will be assessed *internally at all levels* where appropriate and internal assessment will also be used for other aspects of the syllabus of the new foundation level courses.

In the light of further experience of the use of internal assessment for certifiction purposes, I shall at a later date review the place of internal assessment in relation to all three syllabus levels. My aim in any such review will be to maintain and indeed raise standards at all levels.

My consultative paper last autumn set out a four-year implementation programme covering most of the subjects in the school curriculum. Several respondents commented that this was too slow. In view of this evident enthusiasm to proceed more quickly and in order to minimize the transitional period I have therefore decided to implement the new system in three years rather than four. This will be done by bringing into the third year of the programme all those subjects originally planned for the fourth.

In addition to these changes I have decided to introduce German at all three syllabus levels and to introduce Italian, Russian and Spanish at general and credit levels in the third year.

One important aspect of implementation is the resources available to support the programme. In the consultative paper we stated that the implementation programme and other priority call on staffing could be carried out with overall national staffing about 4 per cent to 5 per cent over the basic levels set out in what is familiarly known as the Red Book.

I remain of the view that staffing at about this level will be sufficient once the implementation programme has been completed. Nevertheless I recognise that there will be an extra bureden upon teachers during the transitional period, particularly now that we have speeded up the programme.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Debates on nationalized industries. Debate on prisoners held in police custody.

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Secret three-day conference

Walesa meets underground

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, the chairman of the banned Solidarity trade union, has held three days of secret talks with fugitive underground leaders to coordinate their strategies. The move, announced in a communiqué yesterday. has considerable symbolic value and shows that Mr Walesa is prepared to take more risks in expressing his criticism of government policies.

According to the brief communiqué read out by his wife on the telephone from Gdansk, Mr Walesa met the underground "provisional coordinating commission" on Saturday. Sunday and Monday, and "discussed in detail the country's present situation and coordinated their positions."

Although that does not reveal very much. it is clear that the underground opposition is facing three important events in the coming months: the trial of KOR dissidents who were Solidarity advisers: the expected protests on May Day and May 3; and the visit to Poland of the Pope in June.

Both Mr Walesa and the underground leaders are agreed that there should be no demonstrations during the Pope's visit – though not all underground Solidarity supporters are willing to accept this – and there is considerable common ground on other issues as well.

But this is the first announced meeting between what might be termed the Solidarity "overground" leadership and the underground. The idea of publicizing it may be to give the underground leadership more authority at a time when it feels *increasingly that it is acting in a* vacuum, and at the same time make it clear to Poles at large that Mr Walesa's loyalties are still with the banned trade union.

Two symptoms of the discontent that prompted the announcement of the meeting have come in recent days. One is the publication of a long document entitled: "Programme and Orginization" by a Solidarity radical who writes under the pseudonym of Maciej Poleski.

This raises previously taboo subjects such as the use of force, the need for revolutionary cells and how to exploit the papal visit.

"Democracy should be strong enough to defend itself in case of emergency and not start to think of ways of defending itself at the moment of crisis", Mr Poleski writes in what is a clear challenge to the established underground leaders.

Mr Jerzy Urabn, the government spokesman, seemed to suggest at a press conference yesterday that it was not necessarilly illegal for Mr Walesa or any private citizen to meet representatives of an illegal organization. However, if they discussed illegal acts, then Mr Walesa would have committed an offence.

It is not very likely that Mr Walesa will be arrested and he himself is choosing to move step by step along his radical path. Asked whether Mr Walesa had any further plans, his wife said: "Let us wait for further developments." Mr Urban also confirmed that the son of Miss Anna Walentynowicz, the former crane driver and Solidarity activist, recently given a suspended jail term, had been arrested for tearing up a Polish flag. He is now free, awaiting a trial.

● **Prisoner shot:** Guards shot dead a prisoner suspected of armed robbery when he tried to escape from a jail in the eastern Polish city of Luloin, according to official news agency PAP, Reuter reports.



Leaving at last: Maria Chmykhalov, right, stands beside her son Timofei as they are visited by two other members of the family after deciding to return to Siberia.

Pentecostalists prepare to quit embassy

Moscow (AP) – Six religious dissidents who have spent five years in a US embassy haven hoping for Soviet permission to emigrate were preparing last night to leave the compound, a member of the group said.

The dissidents, members of the Pentecostalist faith, believe they will receive exit visas, ending a two-decade battle to get out of the Soviet Union, Lilia Vaschenko, aged 25, told a reporter. They will be returning to their Siberian hometown to file the applications, she said.

Since last Wednesday, when another of their group, Lydia Vaschenko, aged 32, was allowed to leave the country, it had been expected that the remaining six might also be given permission.

The Pentecostalists, five Vaschenkos and two members of another family, dashed past Soviet guards and into the embassy compound in June, 1978, in an attempt to leave what one called an "atheistic system in which we cannot live."

After years of refusing to consider the request of the "Siberian Seven," as they came to be called, the Soviet authorities last month told Lydia Vaschenko to resubmit her application for an emigration permit. She returned to Chernogorsk, Siberia, and did so, and then flew to Austria. She is now in Israel.

The members of the group are Pyotr Vaschenko, aged 55, his wife, Augustina, aged 54, the three young Vaschenko women Lydia, Lubov, aged 30, and Lilia, and Maria Chmykhalov, aged 60, and her son, Timofei, aged 21.

"There is a hope we can emigrate", Lilia Vaschenko said. "We talked with some people and they said there is a good chance because Lydia is out . . . I hope that the Soviets will finally let us go." She said the people they spoke with were Americans, but she would not say whether they were embassy officials.

Lubov Vaschenko said last week an American woman, Jane Drake of Montgomery, Alabama, had taken up the family's cause and was meeting her sister Lydia on her arrival in Vienna.

Lilia Vaschenko said yesterday that once they arrive in Chernogorsk they will probably have to wait two to four weeks for the arrival of a required invitation from Lydia to emigrate to Israel. The Vaschenkos are not Jewish, but Israel has been one of the most common destinations for would-be Soviet emigrants.

Rebels step up Afghan onslaught

Islamabad (Reuter) – Afghan rebels are fighting Soviet and Government troops in three provincial capitals, Western diplomats reported yesterday.

They said the fighting has seriously disrupted life in Herat, Kandahar and Gazhni. Heavy guerrilla sniper fire along main roads had stopped supplies getting in.

The reports coincided with a frank admission over Kabul radio on Monday night that the war waged by Muslim guerrillas since Soviet troops moved in nearly three and a half years ago had badly damaged Afghanistan's economy.

Sultan Ali Kishtman, the Prime Minister, said half of all hospitals and schools had been destroyed, road transport was in disarray, three quarters of communication lines were out of action, urgent repair work was needed on power and water supplies, and large investment was needed in agriculture.

He called for stringent economy measures by all government departments and increased efforts to collect taxes to pay for the country's defence.

Western diplomats were surprised by the Prime Minister's picture of the Afghan economy. The Government had previously portrayed a country successfully going about its business despite attacks by people it dismissed as criminals or bandits.

The diplomats said the change in strategy might be an attempt to win international support while United Nations-sponsored peace talks are in progress with Pakistan this week at Geneva.

Some diplomats also felt recent successes by guerrillas, including the cutting of highways and the blacking out of the capital, Kabul, might have left President Babrak Karmal's administration no choice but to admit reverses.

Diplomats who have access to information from Kabul said that in the latest fighting the rebels were virtually in complete control of Afghanistan's main western city of Herat, capital of a province which borders Iran and the Soviet Union.

They said that during the day government forces controlled only small areas around the main administrative buildings while at night the city belonged to the guerrillas.

The situation was similar in Kandahar, capital of a province bordering Pakistan. Normal life no longer existed in Kandahar. One report said more than 70 per cent of the population had fled.

● **GENEVA:** About 60 members of the association of Afghans in Switzerland, some in national costume, demonstrated yesterday outside the Palais des Nations in Geneva, where indirect discussions on the Afghanistan problem are in progress with delegations from Kabul and Islamabad, Alan McGregor writes.

They handed in an open letter to the United Nations Secretary-General saying the essential precondition for any political solution was the "immediate, total and unconditional" withdrawal of Soviet troops, as requested by the UN general assembly.

Royal couple in another crush

From Grania Forbes, PA Court Correspondent, Brisbane

The Prince and Princess of Wales were mobbed again yesterday when Queensland police lost control of a crowd of 2,500.

The royal couple made an unscheduled stop at a famous beauty spot, Alexandra Headland, as they drove to Maroochydore airport on their way to their farmhouse at Woomargama.

Mr Victor Chapman, the Royal couple's press spokesman, said: "As soon as the royal couple stepped out of the car we were swamped by the crowd.

Because the stop was an unscheduled event it was not policed, "There were only the police officers in the motorcade and they just could not cope with the crowds."

Large crowds, which had gathered to see the Prince and Princess when they visited a nut processing plant also engulfed their car as they left to drive away.

The bodyguards became agitated as police seemed unable to control wellwishers, and it took a lot of shouting before a passage could be cleared

Thorn fear on Britain's EEC refund

From George Clark
Strasbourg

In a speech full of warnings about crises lying ahead for the EEC, Mr Gaston Thorn, president of the European Commission, told the European Parliament yesterday that a refund for Britain to compensate for overpayments on contributions in 1983 could be held up if there was no agreement on the restructuring of Community finances in the long term.

After the March summit meeting in Brussels, it seemed *that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had* been given a guarantee that, pending the long-term solution, Britain would receive a refund this year,

Mr Thorn told *MEPs* that the summit had been disappointing. It had produced few tangible results and if there was a repetition at the Stuttgart summit in June the Community would be plunged into a serious crisis. It was essential, he said, that the summit should produce a solution on Community financing, energy policy, enlargement and industrial decline.

Referring to the British budgetary problem Mr Thorn said: "For the Commission it is only in the context of a long-term solution that we can consider the immediate and short-term problems." The Commission would stand by its commitment to the European Parliament on February 8 that it would strive for a long-term revision of the Community's financial structure

That was why the Commission had not involved itself in the passage in the summit communiqué relating to the subsequent payment, he said.

Commission officials later explained that Mr Thorn wanted to indicate that the Commission would not come forward with a proposition on a refund to Britain this year until plans for a long-term solution were "on the table"

This view was supported by Mr Adam Fergusson, MEP for Strathclyde West, a spokesman for the Conservative group, who demonstrated how the British attitude to the European Parliament took a "U" turn.

In December last year there was anger among the Conservatives about the Parliament's decision to block the British rebate of £500m for 1982 and Mrs Thatcher also condemned the move.

But since then, both she and the Conservative group have come to realize that Parliament could be Mrs Thatcher's best ally in forcing the Community to revise its financing so that Britain and West Germany do not have to pay unfairly high contributions.

Troops sent to quell fresh Karachi riots

Karachi (Reuter) – Troops were sent to control a fresh outbreak of religious violence in Karachi yesterday, as thousands of Muslim demonstrators burnt shops, houses and cars. Police were unable to control Sunni crowds in the Liaquatabad area, during a confrontation between Sunni and Shia Muslims.

Police earlier fired tear gas to break up a stone-throwing crowd in the predominantly Sunni area, where at least seven people were killed last month in clashes between the sects. The conflict is over ownership of a mosque.

Thirteen people were arrested for attacking policemen and damaging property and arrests were continuing, according to the police. Local residents said the clashes were set off by the stabbing of a Sunni youth, which the Sunnis blamed on Shias.

About 700,000 people live in Liaquatabad, of whom some 95 per cent are Sunnis, the majority sect in Pakistan.

More than 6,000 people were said to have attacked a Shia meeting place about six miles north-east of Karachi's main shopping centre of Saddar. Another group of about 2,000 attacked a Shia mosque and made a bonfire of its furniture, while smaller groups set fire to shops and houses in the area.

Shia sources said about 30,000 people of their sect had already moved from Liaquatabad to other parts of Karachi after the clashes last month.

Four-nation peace drive in Central America launched by Colombia

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Alarmed by continuing conflict in El Salvador, the danger of all-out war erupting between Honduras and Nicaragua and the intransigence of the United States towards Central America, the foreign ministers of four key Latin American countries embarked yesterday on a peace mission to the region, instigated by President Belisario Betancur of Colombia.

The Foreign Ministers of Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and Panama are due to visit all five Central American republics (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica) for talks with their counterparts, in an attempt to reduce tension.

The mission was not planned in advance, and was only agreed in Panama City on Sunday night, after Señor Betancur arrived on the final leg of a three-day trip which had also taken him to Venezuela and Mexico for talks on the Central American crisis.

The announcement was made yesterday by Señor Juan José Amado, the Panamanian Foreign Minister, after a long meeting with his colleagues from Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico.

After his discussions with President Luis Herrera Campins of Venezuela, President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico, President Ricardo de la Espriella of Panama and President Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica, who was also visiting Panama at the weekend, Señor Betancur said that the Central American crisis was even worse than he had expected.

He described the situation as "truly explosive", and also hinted that he and his colleagues were becoming increasingly irritated by the Reagan Administration's hardline policy.

Señor Betancur called for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign military advisers from Central America, the suspension of arms sales to the region, respect for the right of its peoples to self-determination, negotiations between the conflicting parties and recognition that the source of the conflicts is widespread poverty and social injustice and not superpower politics.

The Colombian President suggested that what was required to resolve the crisis was the kind of Latin American solidarity which successfully supported Panama's claims to sovereignty over the Panama Canal.

He also hinted that Cuba must be brought into peace talks. "Everything is open, everything is possible. We are seekers of peace in Central America and for that reason we must talk to everyone."

Gabriel García Márquez, the Colombian winner of the 1982 Nobel prize for literature, said on his return to Colombia for his first visit in two years: "Colombia is now assuming the leadership which it should long ago have taken with Mexico, but which only Mexico has exercised in the past."

● NEW YORK: Contentions by the Reagan Administration that the Sandinist Government of Nicaragua has hidden behind a smokescrean of national security to install a repressive regime and abolish dissent have been largely repudiated by the United Nations Human Rights Committee, a body of experts which monitors the state of civil and political liberties, Zoriana Pysariwsky writes.

Most individual members of the committee, who serve in their personal capacity rather than as representatives of governments, have described as admirable Nicaragua's performance in the area of human rights, in view of the military challenge to its leadership from right wing rebels and reported American covert operations to destabilize it.

Nevertheless, the Nicaraguan Government has not been completely exonerated, and concern has been expressed over the plight of the Miskito Indians, after their forced resettlement from the Nicaragua-Honduras border area.


President Betancur: Taking a leading role.

The committee also criticized curbs on the press, cases of police abuse, the reported discrimination against a synagogue and the limited role of political parties.

● WASHINGTON: The Unites States yesterday accused the Government of Nicaragua of repeatedly making clear its "contempt" for real negotiations, and said that the answer to Central America's problems was "democratization and dialogue among neighbours".

Mr Thomas Enders, Assistant Secretary of State, in a prepared statement to the Senate foreign relations committee, said: "The purpose of US policy in the area is to create conditions in which the area can be removed from East-West conflict, the import of offensive weapons and mutual support for insurgencies ended, and the democratic transformation of each society achieved.

Mr Enders was giving testimony after following allegations in the American press that the Administration is giving covert aid to the anti-Sandinist movement operating from bases in Honduras.

Referring to the Nicaraguan opposition, Mr Enders said: "It should be clear to you that it has appeared and expanded in response to deep grievances against the Sandinistas. The groups opposing the Sandinist Government were Nicaraguans to the core.

"As long as Nicaragua forces legitimate dissent at home to follow violent means and persists in threatening and destabilizing its neighbours, it will never be stable, nor will Central America."

Mr Enders said that it was conceivable that Cuba or the Soviet Union could be tempted to escalate the conflict.

"Clearly a dangerous situation would then develop, unacceptable not only to Central America but to the American nations as a whole. We have communicated to Moscow and Havana how dangerous such a move would be."

Middle East: Lebanese stalemate; Foreign Secretary meets Husain

I must be governor, Haddad says

From Christopher Walker
Metulla

Major Saad Haddad, the temperamental south Lebanese militia commander, whose future has emerged as the main obstacle preventing agreement between Israeli, Lebanese and American negotiators over the withdrawal of Israel's invasion force, threatened yesterday to resist any solution on which he had not been formally consulted.

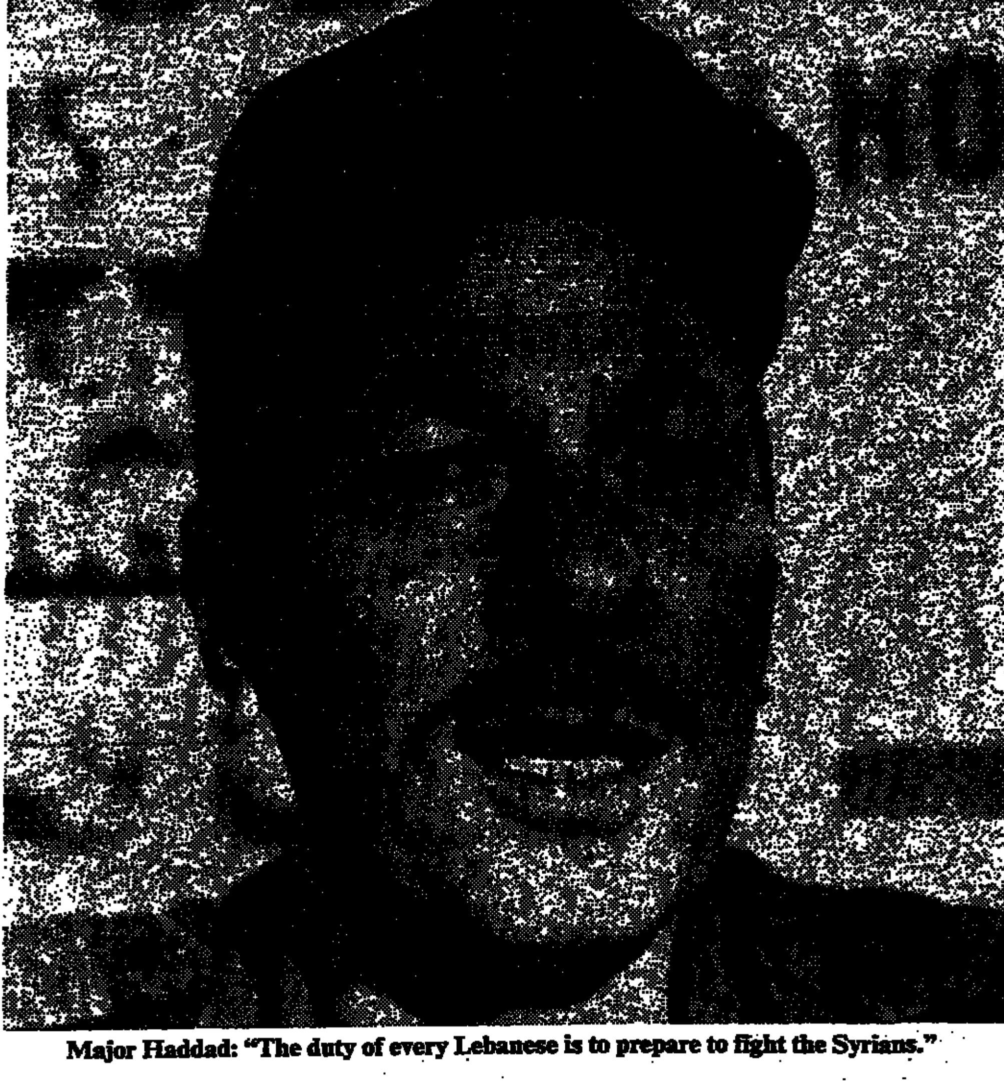
Despite the flat refusal of the Beirut Government to offer its cashiered officer any position in the new military set-up envisaged for Lebanon, Major Haddad is insisting on the position of "military governor of southern Lebanon".

Stating his terms publicly for the first time, he said: "I see my role as it is now, but it should be legitimized. I am effectively military governor of the south, and that must be made formal. If anyone wants to get rid of me, they will have to get rid of all the people in the south too, because they are behind me."

In an interview with *The Times*, he made no attempt to disguise his pent up frustration, anger and anxiety about the possible outcome of the slow moving talks over Lebanon, or about mounting American pressure on Israel to modify its insistence that he be made commander of all Lebanese soldiers based in the 27-mile deep security belt.

According to Washington sources, this pressure reached a new peak last week when Mr William Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, made a clandestine visit to Jerusalem in an apparently vain effort to convince ministers that the revamped Lebanese army is quite capable of preventing Palestinian guerrillas returning to menace Israel.

"I do not know what I have done to upset the Americans because for seven years I have been fighting against leftists and communists," the major told me.


Major Haddad: "The duty of every Lebanese is to prepare to fight the Syrians."

While we were talking in the seedy border hotel which serves as the major's unofficial headquarters in Israel, two Israeli generals suddenly arrived unannounced and engaged him in an animated Hebrew and Arabic conversation.

Their talk and final warm embraces were apparently intended to soothe the major's doubts that he is being ignored as negotiations reach a climax.

"I am grateful to Israel for pressing for my future, but you must know that whatever concerns me should be discussed by the Israelis and Lebanese with me personally, and not on my behalf," Major Haddad argued, thumping the shaky plastic table with his fist, much to the consternation of the Israeli officer overseeing the meeting.

On Monday, the major held a two hour conversation with Mr Ariel Sharon, the former Israeli defence minister, – "a very close friend" – who was given a strong message to convey to the Israeli Cabinet when it convenes to finalize its position over security in the zone now often referred to as "Haddadistan".

The brunt of the militia leader's criticism is reserved for the Lebanese administration of President Amin Gemayel, which he claimed has made no effort to contact him formally since the Israeli invasion expanded his border enclave last summer.

"My people in the south and those up in Beirut have been fighting the same enemies, we have the same contacts and the same ally in Israel, so why are they accepted and we are not?" He complained bitterly.

In the aftermath of last June's invasion, Israeli training and other assistance to the 2,000-strong Haddad militia force have been greatly stepped up.

"I am now taking more steps to increase my military effectiveness because we know that the Syrians are not going to withdraw peacefully," he said. "The duty of every Lebanese today is to prepare himself to fight the Syrians."

Act now, Pym urges Israel and PLO

Amman (Reuter) – Mr Francis Pym the Foreign Secretary said after talks with King Husain of Jordan last night that there was no feasible alternative to President Reagan's plan as a starting point for the Middle East peace process.

He urged Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to seize the opportunity for peace "which will not recur and will not exist for much longer".

He was speaking at Amman airport after a three-hour stopover arranged after Jordan's announcement on Sunday that it had abandoned five months of talks with the PLO.

Mr Pym arrived in Amman on his way home from visits to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to hear King Husain's views about the future of the Reagan plan, which the PLO has rejected in favour of a rival Arab plan.

"The events of the last week did not alter the simple reality that there is no feasible alternative to using the Reagan plan, despite the reservations that many countries feel about it, as the starting point for the peace process," he said.

For five months King Husain negotiated with Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, for a common approach to Middle East peace. But on Sunday Jordan said the talks were over because the PLO had gone back on an agreement reached previously.

Jordan, which has been under American pressure to enter into direct talks with Israel, also said it would neither act alone nor by proxy in any peace negotiations.

It said the PLO and the Palestinians were free to follow their own course, but Jordan would continue to support Palestinians living in Israeli-occupied areas.

Mr Pym refused to answer reporters' questions about his working lunch with King Husain. But his statement said Britain and Jordan were agreed all along that the priorities for the Middle East peace process were the withdrawal of Israeli and other foreign forces from Lebanon, freezing of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and using the Reagan plan as a starting point.

● JERUSALEM: The tripartite talks between Israel, Lebanon and the United States shifted into higher gear yesterday with Mr Philip Habib, President Reagan's special Middle East envoy, taking an active part in the discussions at the Israeli resort of Netanya, Our Correspondent writes.

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem would not comment on the reasons for the envoy's participation in the talks, the first time he has done so since these started last December.

There has been some speculation, however, that Mr Habib, who arrived in Israel on Monday, may have been instructed to give added momentum to America's flagging peace moves in the region after Jordan's decision on Sunday not to join the peace process.

Yesterday's round of talks, the twenty-ninth, ended after only two hours to enable Mr Habib to proceed to Jerusalem for meetings with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister.

● LISBON: The coffin containing the body of Issam Sartawi, the Palestinian leader who was assassinated at a Socialist International conference on Sunday, left Faro airport in Southern Portugal yesterday for Amman, AFP reports.

The body of Mr Sartawi, the personal aide to Mr Arafat, was transported by a Moroccan aircraft. His departure had been delayed because the aircraft had landed without permission, sources said here.

● MUNICH: Mr Sartawi was wanted in West Germany in connexion with a 1970 guerrilla attack in Munich in which an Israeli was killed, a public prosecutor said yesterday, Reuter reports.

In the Munich attack in February 1970, two Palestinians threw a hand grenade at a bus carrying passengers to an aircraft of the Israeli airline El Al at Riem airport, Munich.

Herr Otto Heindl, the Munich prosecutor, said the men had named Mr Sartawi as the organizer of the attack after being arrested. His office issued a warrant for Mr Sartawi's arrest for suspected murder and 18 counts of attempted murder.

Herr Heindl made clear there was no evidence that Sartawi was linked to the Olympic Games massacre in Munich

French Communists yield on austerity

Paris (Reuter) – Parliament has empowered France's left-wing Government to enact austerity measures by decree after the Communist Party dropped a threat to abstain in the vote.

The National Assembly, where the Socialists have an absolute majority, voted 325 to 159 to enable the Government to introduce by decree new taxes and a compulsory loan by wage-earners to the state.

A potential crisis in the Government coalition was averted on Monday night when the Communist Party voted with the Socialists after winning a promise from M Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, to modify aspects of the package.

The Communists had threatened to abstain unless the Government agreed to five amendments to shift the burden of the fund-raising measures further on to wealthier taxpayers.

The Government gave way on two of the demands, agreeing to exonerate the poorest from a one per cent additional income tax to cover social security spending and to make further allowances for low-income households in the compulsory savings.

M André Lajoinie the Communist parliamentary leader, said the modifications did not go far enough, but the party took note of the Government's intentions to work for greater social justice.

M Jacques Delors, the Finance Minister, and architect of the austerity programme, told the Assembly that the tax would affect only two out of three households and the compulsory savings only one in three.

He also argued that the package would purge the two greatest evils plaguing the country – inflation and low international competitiveness – and enable the Government to pursue its long-term goals

Teheran claims 5,000 Iraqi soldiers killed

Tehran (AFP) – Fighting intensified yesterday along the southern Iran-Iraq battlefront on the third day of a Iranian thrust that Tehran Radio said had taken the lives of more than 5,000 Iraqi soldiers.

The campaign, which began on Sunday night, has enabled Iranian forces to regain control of some 60 square miles of Iranian territory, according to communiqués issued here, and to "annihailate completely" an Iraqi battalion.

Iraqi military authorities, in a communiqué monitored in Bahrain, gave few details of the latest fighting.

However, a spokesman announced earlier that more than 3,000 Iranians had been killed since Sunday and that the campaign by Iran had been checked in the Missan sector of the front.

Observers in Bahrain said Baghdad's silence yesterday indicate that Iran was exerting considerable pressure on Iraqi forces and could suggest that its troops now occupied several hundred square kilometres of Iraqi territory.

Yesterday's clashes took place in the Fakkeh region along the border, about 40 miles east of the Iraqi city of Amarah.

Nkomo 'lost support of companies'

Harare (Reuter, AFP) – Two British companies have withdrawn financial and other support for Mr Joshua Nkomo, the exiled Opposition leader, because he broke a promise to return home last week, the pro-Government *Herald* newspaper reported yesterday.

Mr Nkomo said last week that he would remain in Britain indefinitely, after the publication in Zimbabwe of a Catholic bishops' statement alleging atrocities by government troops in his home province of Matabeleland.

The *Herald* said in a report from London that the firms, which it said had also withdrawn moral and political support, ha; spent £14,500 on Mr Nkomi and two aides since his flight.

Mr Nkomo, aged 65, fled Zimbabwe early last month, saying that Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, had ordered him to be killed.

The *Herald* report did not identify the companies sponsoring Mr Nkomo in Britain, saying only that they had holdings in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya and other African states.

However, it appeared certain that one of them was Lonrho, whose chief executive, Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, is a close friend of Mr Nkomo. The company in London refused to comment. Dunlop has denied that it is the other company.

The companies had kept in touch with the Harare Government throughout the affair, the *Herald* said. Mr Nkomo had been told through them that the only actions pending against him in Zimbabwe would be charges of emerald trafficking and the relatively minor charge of currency violations.

Non-racial unions try to form united front

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Seven independent and non-racial trade union groups have agreed to work for greater unity and to consider forming a new umbrella trade union federation. The decision was taken at a summit meeting of union leaders in Cape Town.

The seven groups represent about 220,000 of the 300,000 or so of the predominantly black members of the new breed of unions that has emerged over the past three years since the South African Government relaxed controls on union activity.

The biggest of the seven union bodies is the federation of South Africa Trade Unions, to which nine individual unions are affiliated and which has slightly over 100,000 signed-up members, mainly in the metal, chemical, textile and car industries.

Mr Jan Theron, general secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers Union, which is also one of the seven, said after the Cape Town meeting: "The time is long overdue for the formation of a new federation which can speak for the workers of this country and tackle the task of properly organizing workers."

Another big black trade union group, the Council of Unions of South Africa, has said it will not be taking part in the unity talks.

Another union standing aloof from the unity talks is the unaffiliated Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union. The other chief union in the car industry, the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, however, is an affiliate of the federation and will be taking part.

Differences over strategy have bedevilled the emerging black trade union movement, in many respects one of the most potent challenges the Government faces. A strike in the Eastern Cape car industry last year, for example, by workers for a 76 per cent increase in minimum hourly pay was weakened by lack of support from the Motor Assembly and Component Workers.

Among the issues dividing unions is the question of whether or not to accept registration and operate within the government-approved industrial council bargaining system. Some unions see registration as tantamount to accepting government control, while others have found they can use the system to their advantage.

Some unions – like the Cape-based General Workers' Union – which are not themselves registered feel registration should be a matter for each union to decide, while others, such as the radical South African Allied Workers' Union, have insisted that they will not work with any registered unions.

Last weekend's meeting in Cape Town, attended by several hundred delegates representing virtually the entire independent trade union movement, was the most important move so far towards trying to bridge some of these differences. A "feasibility committee" is to be set up over the next four to six weeks to pursue the idea further.

Lesotho at war with Pretoria, Premier says

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg

Chief Leabua Jonathan, the Prime Minister of Lesotho, has urged his 1.3 million compatriots to accept that they are in an effective state of war with South Africa. He called on Basutos to bury their differences so as to enable the Kingdom better to face the onslaught. With all the world on its side, victory was assured.

Speaking in the National Assembly, Chief Jonathan said that the South African offensive was not limited to armed attacks. It was extended to the economy as was shown by what he claimed was a campaign to discourage tourists from coming to Lesotho.

Chief Jonathan also alleged that a situation was being created whereby the movement of goods through South Africa to landlocked Lesotho would become virtually impossible, especially for supplies of military equipment.



Turkey's autumn elections

Thwarting the Byzantine politicians

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

President Kenan Evren, Turkey's military leader, has indicated that he will pit his personal prestige to block any lingering influence by former politicians.

"We shall spare no efforts to foil their Byzantine intrigues," he said, calling on people to do the same and elect "brand new representatives" in general elections which are to be held in the autumn.

General Evren, in speeches at Denizli and Usak, blamed former politicians for failing to rise above their narrow interests.

The President pleaded for the old political labels of Republican and Justice parties not to keep the electorate divided into hostile camps. He also urged students not to allow their political views to foment clashes at the universities, which would be strictly "depoliticized".

The universities have already been purged of academics considered too liberal or radical by a 25-man higher education board, most of whose members are appointed by the President and the Government.


General Evren: Personal prestige at stake.

In a recent press conference, the board's president, Professor Ihsan Dogramaci, admitted that 40 academics were dismissed in recent months on the orders of the martial law authorities and about 200 had resigned.

General Evren refrained in his speeches from giving an exact date for the general elections, nor did he say anything which could be interpreted as a "green light" for resumption of political activities. He said he would speak in more detail only after the legislation for the new political parties and electoral law was completed.

Political observers expect him to campaign actively against the influence of former politicians when the new parties are allowed to form. In his speeches he said that if Turks allowed themselves to be swayed by the former politicians they would be negating the benefits of the military takeover.

The new political parties Bill, introducing restrictions on the organizational structures, activities and finances of the new parties, is awaiting the final seal of approval – probably next week – by the ruling National Security Council.

Slap in face ends Corsican's EEC career

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels

A Corsican nationalist has been dismissed from a senior post at the European Commission after slapping the personnel director across the face.

After an appeal through the institution's disciplinary procedure, M Jean-Francois Ferrandi, an official in the external relations directorate, has been told that he has lost his job from the beginning of next month.

Zhao plea to Hawke

From David Bonavia, Peking

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, left Peking by air yesterday for visits to Australia and New Zealand.

Answering questions at Peking airport Mr Zhao said that he hoped to have an "in depth" exchange of views with Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, on the question of aid to Vietnam, which China would like other countries to terminate, or never begin.

Referring to the "threat from Vietnam to Asean (the Association of South-East Asian Nations)", he said that he believed Australia would not aid Vietnam without first consulting China, the United States and the regional grouping.

Fears for six after attack on yacht

Singapore (Reuter) – A West German-owned yacht with six people on board was set on fire after being fired on near the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, official sources in Singapore said.

The Sidharta left Singapore on Saturday with five West Germans, including its co-owner Herr Peter Marx and his Chinese girl friend to set up an amateur radio link on the Spratlys. Radio contact with the 51ft vessel was lost after it sent a distress message saying it was ablaze after an attack. It did not identify the attackers or give its exact location.

The Spratly Islands are occupied by forces from the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. China and Malaysia have also laid claim to the islands, which are believed to have rich offshore oil reserves.

Frenchman set free by Peking

Peking (AFP) – China has released a 49-year-old French-Chinese man who had been held in labour camps since 1955, French sources said here. M Raymond Ratillon was freed last month and left for France on Friday.

Born in China of a French father and a Chinese mother, he was detained in Shanghai with other members of the Roman Catholic community during an anti-religious wave.

Napoleon's debt to be repaid

Zurich (Reuter) – President Mitterrand of France has promised to make a "symbolic" repayment of a debt Napoleon incurred with a Swiss mountain village nearly two centuries ago.

The village of Bourg St Pierre wrote to the French Embassy in Berne last week asking how France planned to repay the debt of 45,334 Swiss francs (about £14,000 at today's rates) which Napoleon left behind in 1800 on his way across the Alps to Italy.

Marcos gives his seal of approval

Manila (AFP) – President Marcos and his wife have given their blessings to the controversial marriage of their eldest daughter, Imee, to a divorced basketball coach, Tommy Manotoc, a spokeswoman for Mrs Marcos said here.

Imee, who is 27, gave birth to a boy in Honolulu last Saturday and President Marcos, asked if he was resigned to being called a grandparent, was said to have replied: "More so than the first lady."

Briton stranded



Fears are growing for the safety of David Hempleman-Adams (above), the lone polar explorer. He has been stranded in the Arctic ice by bad weather with just a few days of food remaining. Mr Hempleman-Adams, aged 26, from Bristol, had passed the halfway mark in his attempt to walk solo to the North Pole when the weather deteriorated.

Minister sacked

Singapore (Reuter) – Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Singapore Prime Minister, yesterday dismissed Mr Lim Chee Onn, Minister without Portfolio, as the country's trade union chief, but kept him in the Government pending reassignment to a ministry.

Ban on Copt

Cairo (Reuter) – An Egyptian court upheld a ban on the Coptic Pope Shenouda. In 1981, the late President Sadat banished the 60-year-old pope to a desert monastery and stripped him of his temporal powers for "fomenting sectarian strife".

Teachers killed

Lima (Reuter) – Three teachers who refused to indoctrinate pupils with left-wing ideology were killed by Maoist guerrillas in Peru's Ayacucho province, a government official said but he did not name the school or town.

Storms kill 41

Dhaka (AFP) – Dhaka newspapers put the death toll in last weekend's hailstorms in Bangladesh at 41. In Dhaka, a young girl hit by a hailstone has died in hospital.

Measles deaths

Port Elizabeth (AFP) – Some 100 black and Coloured children here have died of measles in the last three months, the Cape Province health authorities announced.

Three defect

Stockholm – Three Polish wrestlers touring with a national team have applied for political asylum in Sweden.

THE ARTS

Theatre

Implacable sense of doom

Blood Brothers
Lyric

So this is the great new hyped-up musical? Reports when it started at Liverpool suggested that it was, first and foremost, an accomplished and thrilling theatrical experience, but arriving in Shaftesbury Avenue it now gives a different impression: a show whose justification lies rather in the urgency of its message than in the clumsy dramatic vehicle constructed to carry it. As a musical, its derivative and often soupy score hardly contains a single song you would want to hear twice; as a cry of anger, it goes on running round your head more implacably than any music.

In Willy Russell's hands, the theatrical archetype of twin brothers separated from birth, unaware of their relationship until one kills the other, becomes a simple social parable when following the fortunes of working-class twins, one of whom is adopted by a couple in the manager class. Carrying as it does the unspoken implication that their natural abilities were equal, it allows Mr Russell a bald contrast between class advantages.

Kept by his actual mother, Mickey marries at 18, loses his job, gets dragged into crime and emerges after seven years' jail a prematurely aged mental wreck; Edward proceeds through public school and university, growing up to be a councillor with easy, charming manners. And, as their kinship of blood and emotion is so ceaselessly stressed, the show clearly presents those class differences as dividing, and breeding murderous enmity between, the natural brothers of which the whole of society is made.

Omens artificially heighten the sense of doom – magpies, shoes on tables, broken mirrors – in a cumbersome apparatus of superstition, constructed only to knock it down. A sepulchral narrator (Andrew Schofield) sidles on every few minutes to moralize in tuppence-coloured rhyming couplets or to gloat over the fulfilment of fate. Encumbered by this upstaging presence, Barbara Dickson still remains a likable and credible mother through all the clichés and easy expedients in the dialogue, and sings her heart out when she gets a good soaring vocal line.

The production by Chris Bond and Danny Hiller is fluently staged without taking a sufficiently brutal line with this sprawling script. They have a mostly excellent supporting company, switching instantly from grown-up neighbours to a yardful of kids whose rituals and play of violence furnish a facile connexion with the uncanny force of destiny and real bullets in the adult world.

As the fortunate Edward, Andrew C. Wadsworth sings sweetly in his big number, never falls into priggery and remains trimmer, prouder and a significant two inches taller. George Costigan's Mickey is a lovely contrast in body language, a truculent bull-calf whose head is always fractionally ducked against life's next nasty shock, equally convincing as an achingly frustrated teenager and a mucky-kneed eight-year-old whose game of Mounties started something when it led him up the snob end of town.

Anthony Masters

Visible prejudice

Mitzi Wildebeest
The Gate, Latchmere

There are two sides to Mitzi Wildebeest. One is the laughable bigot, South African cousin to Dame Edna Everage. The other is the descendant of the Voortrekkers, evoking the ghost of her great-great-grandmother walking barefoot over the Drakensberg Mountains to escape British rule. You begin by scoffing at dyed-in-the-wool Afrikaner prejudices, but end with some understanding of their origins in beleaguered frontierspeople, ignored by their own country and harried by every other colonial arrival.

Elaine Loudon, who lived 20 years in South Africa, pounced on the coming of the Kappiekommando (Bonnet Brigade) there three years ago. These daunting women, led by a schoolteacher, wear the black gowns and bonnets of the pioneers and consider their prime minister a liberal softie. Ms Loudon takes her cue by dressing in black and treating the audience like a class of schoolchildren.

She begins by writing on the blackboard: "The Scissor freak untree". Read it quickly and that is all you need to remember about South Africa, she says. She gives a slide show of South African scenes – the Wildebeest Dutch colonial house and backyard with swimming pool – then she expounds the divine righteousness of the Afrikaner hardliners: "If God had been a liberal he wouldn't have given us ten commandments, he would have made ten suggestions."

It is not entirely a one-woman show because the audience get pulled into it, sometimes literally on to the stage. At other times we wave the South African flag or join in the chorus of a Voortrekker song. Peter Hodkinson accompanies on the piano, and the show has been developed from its early days at the 1981 Edinburgh Festival by Brian Carter. Elaine London alternates between schoolmarm bossiness and an air of sweet reason when Mitzi puts across the South African viewpoint. I could imagine this show appealing to both the anti-apartheid brigade and South Africa House.

Clare Colvin

Opera

Once more, with feeling

Don Pasquale
Covent Garden

Ave atque vale. The present revival of Donizetti's comic masterpiece offers a last chance to see Sir Geraint Evans in his subtlest buffo interpretation, for he has announced that he will not sing Don Pasquale again. But, as in previous runs of this production mounted for him 10 years ago, he spreads his beneficent welcome over new arrivals: Luciana Serra as a totally assured and marvellous Norina, Francisco Araiza making his house debut as Ernesto, and Guido Ajmone-Marsan also appearing here for the first time to conduct a performance that on Monday lifted from a shaky start to achieve rattling fast tempos and silky expressiveness in the strings, so capturing the twin poles of this sentimental comedy.

Fun and feeling are also the hallmarks of Sir Geraint's interpretation. Since Don Pasquale is the victim almost throughout of a deception, it would make for a hollow evening if the one playing him were also manifestly to deceive, to act up the fussiness.

Sir Geraint does not. His Don Pasquale remains no buffoon: he is simply naive rather than silly, and one feature of his naïveté is his ignorance of women. Hence his desperately sad as well as comic interview with Norina, when he artfully calls into play the almost strangulated voice of the nervous, confused old bachelor.

But this is only one aspect of a living performance. Another is the numbed self-awareness he touches when he is apprised of his supposed wife's affair. Another is the skirmish of nattering rapidity he finds in his Act III duet with Malatesta, the coda here justly encored and made still more fizzing.

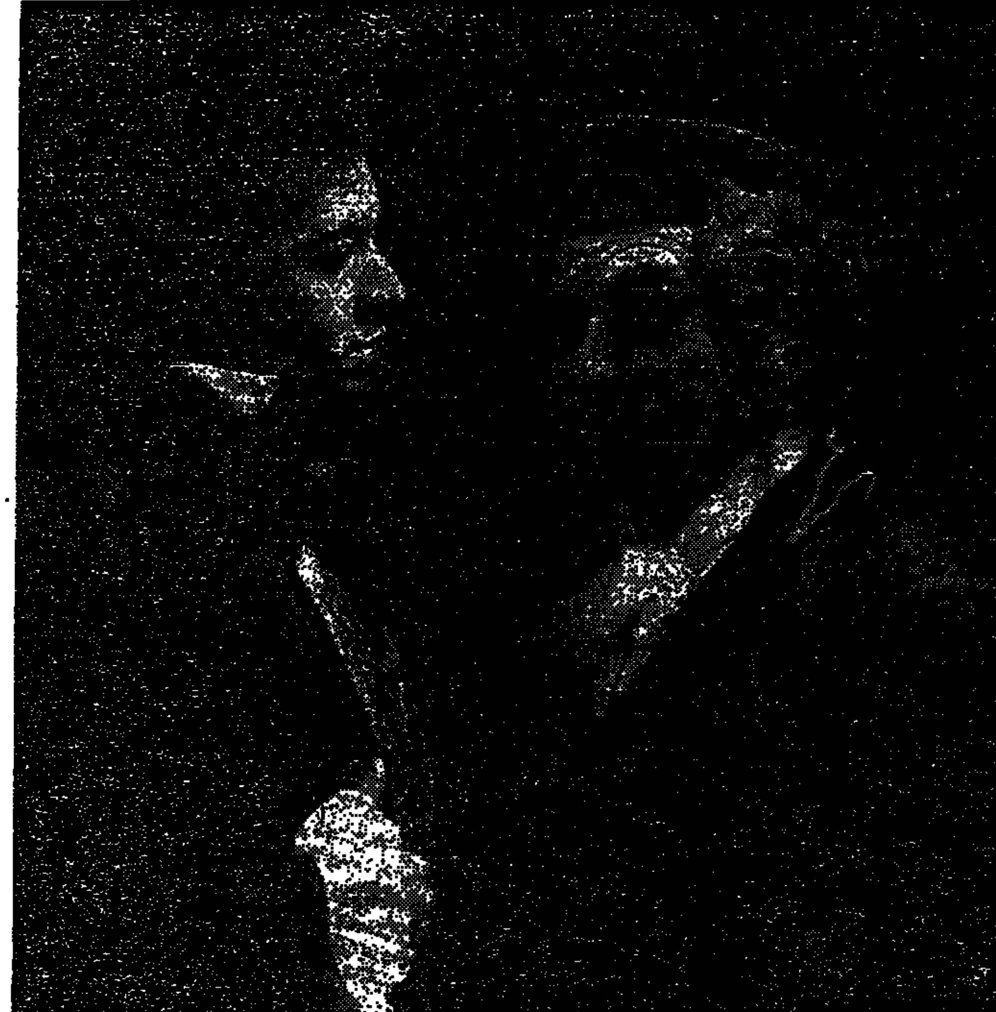
Miss Serra also offers much more than a fair share of vocal brilliance. In fact, she sings all through with exciting, polished perfection, and she acts as she sings: with simple and utter command. She can also be as much the young girl as the little madam, even within a single phrase, with perhaps a first half coming out with steel-tipped coquetry and a second pulling back into fresh loveliness.

Everything appears to be precisely calculated, but blessed with the spontaneity that any performance must have when it is operating at this level of virtuosity and staying there.

Mr Araiza is a no less cultivated singer, but of a softer kind, the voice always tidily presented and smoked with a delicate ardour. He was unlucky at the end of his cabaletta in the second act, but in his serenade he was the gentle soul of lyricism, and in the ensuing duet he provided exactly the right tender support for Miss Serra's row of pearls: this was an exquisite moment.

Jonathan Summers, returning as Malatesta, is highly accomplished but nearly always a trifle hesitant, as if uncertain about the ironic distance he should keep behind his role. Paul Crook enters the cast as a nicely lascivious and croaky Notary, contributing his bit to what is a super evening.

Paul Griffiths



Clive Barda

Lyricism and sadness: Francisco Araiza (left), Geraint Evans

Concerts

LSO/Hickox
Festival Hall

London has had a near surfeit of *Gerontius* lately. Richard Hickox's on Monday with the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, which comes late in a run of distinguished performances, was understandably, perhaps, less of a box-office draw. But it more than justified its place by building with fresh assurance and integrity a pilgrim's progress which often conjured images whose immediacy and vigour owed as much to the seventeenth as to the nineteenth century.

From the inexorable tread of the opening, unfolding more in might than in mystery, it was clear that Mr Hickock would eradicate every stylistic cliché, focusing expression so often dissipated in overpointed phrasing and verbalizing into a powerfully long-sighted view of the whole.

Both orchestra and, particularly, the superbly trained chorus, attacked and sustained both the terror of the Demons' Chorus and the exaltation of "Praise to the Holiest" with a primarily musical intelligence, charged by densely packed reserves of energy. Released from this momentum, the balm of the slow-paced litany and the pianissimos of the semi-chorus were doubly telling.

The soloists had thought through their parts equally searchingly. Arthur Davies's Gerontius owed little to the Italianate hero archetype of Tridentine Rome: rather, by spare expressive shaping of every phrase and line, he followed the inner journey of an everyman, his "Sanctus fortis" urgent with latent fear as much as assurance, his simple "I go before my Judge" desolate and naked.

Norman Bailey was a compelling Priest and Angel of the Agony, but Felicity Palmer's Angel, her first, was perhaps the most distinctive protagonist. Hard-voiced, seldom yielding, hers was an almost unremittingly severe, magisterial presence, battering as much as comforting the heart of Gerontius.

Hilary Finch

Smetana Quartet
St John's/Radio 3

Milan Skampa, the viola-player of the Smetana Quartet, has worked for many years on Janacek manuscripts, unearthing new sources for his edition of the "Kreutzer Sonata" Quartet, which the group brought to the BBC lunchtime concert on Monday.

In a single, fleeting performance of rare inner compulsion and intensity, it was difficult to isolate and distinguish the finer points of editorial amendment. What was unmistakable, though, was the pure distillation of the *spirit* of the Janacek of *Katya Kabanova*: tempi were pushed desperately, harder than in this quartet's own recording, phrase and nerve-endings were left lacerated and raw, and even in the sustained passages of harmonic relief there was only a reluctant ripening of instrumental tone.

The very numbness, almost without vibrato, of the violin's muted entry in the last movement (Janacek marked it "as if in tears") typified the searching, powerfully integrated interpretative approach of the quartet to this work. They played from memory, as if each note had been permeating and maturing in their veins for many years; and those listeners who thought they were in for a smooth ride in Dvorak were quite mistaken.

The quartet was Dvorak's last, the A flat major, Op 105, written at a time when he was well acquainted with Janacek and his music. The tone became warmer, the harmonies more mellow; but, exploding to the full the toughness and vigour of not only Jiri Novák's leadership but notably Lubomir Kostecký's second violin and Antonin Kohout's cello, the players emphasized the fragmented motifs of the introduction, the increasingly dense overlay of cells and the unpredictable harmonic dislocations. It was a performance which gloried in the dance and the song but which never forgot Janacek's appreciation of "an intelligence of a quite special order".

Hilary Finch

Television

A world of debris

Unemployment in Bolton is above the national average and it was the purpose of BBC1's documentary *Nothing Doing* last night to give us a taste of the depression that is not just economic but psychological if you are being hit over the head with it. The intention was worthy, for a shared concern over national ills is surely a prerequisite of any valid kind of national pride, and it did leave me depressed, but the execution left too many questions unanswered for the programme to be considered entirely objective.

Six teenagers were examined in differing degrees of depth to show the hopelessness and listlessness of life without prospects. They reflected these qualities so abjectly that one wondered how the selection came about; whether Bolton's youth, suffering as it undoubtedly is, is quite like this.

First there was Trevor, listening while his mother retailed the sad struggles of her life, then hauled off for an interview by a social worker, who lent him a jacket for the occasion, to learn to be a french polisher, or at least to fetch the meals for those who actually did the job. The social worker seemed to think that, as with others on the Youth Opportunities Programme (which did not come out of this programme well), Trevor's long-term chances were poor, that his present luck was just a temporary exploitation of low-cost labour.

Then there were Pete, apparently with a prison sentence hanging over him, and his two brothers, Roy and John. We never did find out what Pete's offence was, and his predicament seemed irrelevant to that of his two brothers. Their father considered the YOP just exploitation, and thought they should have none of it.

Dave followed. He was on a three-year contact under the scheme but feared it would end as soon as he was 19. His girlfriend was pregnant and we saw them married. Shortly afterwards his fears were proved right.

Lastly there was Martin, from a middle-class household, educationally unsuccessful and whiling away his time playing the guitar and Space Invaders. His father thought teenagers would be better served if they were told that unemployment was a permanent threat; his mother that it could all end in revolution.

They were all shot on sunless days with a kind of loitering technique that made everything look like debris. It was a technique that demanded little participation from the subjects and Paul Watson's programme was poorer for it.

On BBC1 also, *Reluctant Chickens* concerned another social phenomenon: the tendency of children to stay at home long after they should fly. Many might think this a tragedy for parents but David Cregan sought to make a comedy of it. Patrick Troughton, as the GP father, Gwen Watford, as the mother, and the rest of the cast did their best, but, if the chickens were reluctant, the comedy never cracked the shell.

Dennis Hackett

Jazz

Relaxed intensity

Warne Marsh
Pizza on the Park

Not often in a jazz club is it difficult to find an appropriate moment in which to unloose a discreet cough. On Monday night Warne Marsh, the great American tenor saxophonist, and his partner, the pianist Lou Levy, redrew the parameters of an audience's attention with duets of such sensitive detail that even the brief rasp of a cigarette lighter or the gentle gurgle of liquor into a glass seemed barbaric intrusions; plates of food went cold on every side as the pair wove a spell which will doubtless be maintained when they move across town tonight to the Pizza Express in Soho, where they will spend the remainder of the week.

Born a few months apart 55 years ago, Marsh and Levy grew up under the spell of Lester Young and Charlie Parker and, in Marsh's case, of Lennie Tristano, the pianist and teacher whose concern was to explore the pure abstractions of a music which was about nothing other than itself.

Marsh's playing has scarcely changed at all in 30 years. His sound is unique: light, pale, pressureless, his astonishingly complex phrases extruded with a minimum of apparent effort. His lines are shaped with exotic unpredictability, yet their logic is so implacable that one gasps and grins as they unfold. "Subconscious-Lee", written by his old colleague Lee Konitz, was pure, uncut Tristano music full of flying fingers and glancing tangents; on the other hand, "How High the Moon" was stroked down to ballad tempo and enunciated with a simple, singing lyricism.

Levy, who enjoys less of an in-crowd reputation, was every bit as remarkable. On the Konitz tune he displayed the tensile strength of Bud Powell allied to an architectural sensibility all his own. With "I'm Old Fashioned" he produced a definition of the ideal of relaxed intensity, including the stealthiest imaginable conversion to a lilting double-time. His tune "Lunarcy", based on playful Monkish leaps, allowed the pair to develop contrapuntal inventions with telepathic precision and with the spontaneous warmth which suffused every second of their music.

Richard Williams

● The 8½-hour film *Wagner*, with Richard Burton as the composer and directed by Tony Palmer, is to be shown at the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, next Sunday, beginning at 11am. The music is played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Georg Solti.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Depo-Provera: a drug on trial

Jenny Bryan reports on the facts and fears surrounding the controversial contraceptive

The controversial injectable contraceptive Depo-Provera goes "on trial" before a panel of distinguished medical and legal experts in London next week. They will decide whether the drug should be licensed for long-term use in Britain in the face of massive adverse publicity in America, where it has been claimed the drug is dangerous, might be misused and might be given only to poorly educated socially deprived women without their understanding its implications.

The American manufacturers, Upjohn, have fought for a British licence for Depo-Provera, which is at least as effective as the Pill and more reliable than the IUD, cap or sheath, for seven years.

Next week's British hearing has arisen because Kenneth Clarke, the Health Minister, chose as one of his first ministerial actions to overrule the committee on Safety of Medicines which advised him to grant Depo-Provera a full licence for women for whom other methods of contraception were inapproriate. Mr Clarke is believed to have taken his decision because of the risk of women of low social class being given the drug without their informed consent.

One of the hearing's key witnesses will be Dame Josephine Barnes, a former president of the British Medical Association, who will argue that the problems of giving Depo-Provera to women who cannot understand its risks and benefits are no different from those of any drug.

Already, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Family Planning Association have come down in favour of Depo-Provera becoming just another alternative in the choice of contraceptives.

No one is quite sure what will come out the hearing. No drug wrangle has ever reached this stage of the agreed procedures. Kenneth Clarke has already overruled his medical advisors once – he could, in theory, overrule the independent panel's recommendations too.

Upjohn does not stand to make a lot of money out of Depo-Provera in Britain. Around two million women get the Pill from their GP – at a cost of about £13.5m. According to Dame Josephine, several thousand women who would probably get Depo-Provera if it were fully licensed. But a positive decision from the British authorities would help Upjohn to sell the drug in other areas – such as developing countries – where the market is much larger.

In its 400-page written evidence to the panel, the Coordinating Group on Depo-Provera, composed of women actively involved in women's health issues, has drawn on information it has received about more than 100 women who felt they were not fully informed of the possible side effects of Depo-Provera. Many were women with a poor understanding of English for whom no provision had been made for information to be given in their own language.

Six out of seven women who answered an appeal for women who felt they had been mistreated in one London health district were black and several were young unmarried mothers.

Three years ago one professional singer got an out of court settlement of £3,750 from King's College Hospital, London, because her career was disrupted as a result of side effects from Depo-Provera which had not been fully explained to her.

The drug has been used most widely in developing countries where there have been many reports especially from Africa and Asia of women given the drug without their fully informed consent and of doctors exceeding their own countries' recommendations of its use.

There was even a report of women in a Cambodian refugee camp being given the drug with the promise of extra food. Even so, the drug is used as part of WHO and International Planned Parenthood Federation contraception programmes.

At present several health authorities including America and Canada are considering whether to license Depo-Provera, after lengthy debate on the medical and social implications. In the past, the US has refused to license the drug for even short term use.

The Coordinating Group on Depo-Provera – the main pressure group against the drug – will not be allowed to give verbal evidence at the hearing. But its comprehensive written evidence would do justice to an organization with much greater resources at its disposal.

Much of the evidence rests on the known side effects of the drug but also raised doubts about the largely unknown long term effects of continued use of Depo-Provera. The group argues that if Depo-Provera is to come on the market at all its use should be limited and controlled so that the terms of the drug's licence are not exceeded.

Upjohn's expert witnesses – a list of whom reads like a Who's Who of obstetrics and pharmacology – will give verbal evidence.

The hearing will be held in the conference suite, Riverwalk House, Millbank, London, SW1, starting on Monday, April 25, 1983 at 10am.

On the panel will be Professor Rosalinde Hurley, chairwoman of the Medicines Commission at the DHSS, Professor A. Asscher, also a member of the Medicines Commission, Ian Kennedy, director of the Centre of Law, Medicine and Ethics at King's College, London, Professor H. Jacobs, consultant gynaecologist and Professor F. A. Langley.

International Planned Parenthood Federation



Third World population contol: Depo-Provera is given to a young woman in Thailand

The benefits and side-effects

Depo-Provera is a synthetic form of one of the body's natural hormones, progesterone. Each injection prevents pregnancy for at least three months by stopping a woman's eggs developing and by making her womb hostile to any fertilized egg which might creep through.

Since 1978 Depo-Provera has been used in Britain for short-term contraception, which means one, or at most two, injections. Doctors can, and often do, exert their "clinical judgment" and give Depo-Provera for longer periods – for years, rather than months.

There is evidence that Depo-Provera has been misused – given to socially disadvantaged women without full counselling about the drug and its side effects. Its very nature makes it an ideal drug for women who find it impossible to remember to take the pill or use other forms of contraception. A few doctors are thought to have taken it upon themselves to inject such women – often after an abortion or an unwanted child – without explaining the full implications of the drug.

Depo-Provera often prevents a woman from having her normal period. This in itself worries women given insufficient counselling since they think they may be pregnant when their periods stop. In the first months or even up to a year after taking the drug she will have some unpredictable bleeding. Before the injection is given there is no way of knowing whether this will be mild or severe.

Once the injection is given there is no turning back – for the first months the woman must simply "grin and bear it" if she is one of the unfortunate minority who bleeds severely.

Depo-Provera does not cause permanent infertility but women may be slow to conceive after they stop the drug, so it is better kept for women not planning further children. It is often these older women who have a narrow choice of contraceptive methods because their weight, blood pressure or smoking puts them at risk of heart problems if the take the pill.

An enthusiastic supporter of Depo-Provera is Dr John Tylleskär, of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology at the general hospital in Motala, southern Sweden, and also runs his own practice. He believes Depo-Provera is the best contraceptive for women over 35 who do not want more children, and half of his patients in that category use the drug.

Motala is a provincial town with a population of about 30,000 and is far removed from the poor inner cities of Britain when Depo-Provera achieved its controversial status. More than 400 Motala women use the drug, a proportion at least 20 times greater than in the rest of Sweden.

Dr Tylleskär recently surveyed 182 women who first had Depo-Provera in the early 1970s. Some had had a single injection, others had stayed on the drug for 12 years. Four out of five liked the drug, but 22 per cent had stopped it because of side effects. The most common of these were irregular bleeding, weight gain, decreased sex drive and depression.

Since most women who stopped treatment did so within a year of starting Depo-Provera, the survey supported the view that, provided women can cope with the bleeding irregularities in the first months, they generally use the contraceptive for several years.

And what of the benefits? Forty-five per cent of the women in the survey said that not having periods was an advantage, as was the simplicity and reliability of the method.

One woman I spoke to at Dr Tylleskär's clinic, started having Depo-Provera nine years ago after suffering a thrombosis that made it impossible to continue with the Pill. She experienced some bleeding in the early months, but it was not bad enough to make her stop the treatment. A bonus was the disappearance of eczema and migraine from which she had previously suffered.

Two other women had started Depo-Provera because of the risk of circulatory problems with the Pill. One had high blood pressure, the other a family history of heart problems.

The oldest patient Dr Tylleskär had had on the drug was 54. Since there is a tentative theory that Depo-Provera may have a role in protecting women from breast cancer, the doctor believes women should continue to use it even after the menopause.

PENNY PERRICK'S DIARY

Transport of delight across the Irish Sea



Connemara
Ireland begins at Liverpool, or at least on the B & I (British and Irish) car ferry which nightly crosses the Irish Sea. For years, I used to spend the night on board in a bunk which throbbed with vibrations from the adjoining engine room, or, worse, wriggling on a recliner seat in a lounge awash in stale Guinness. Then I married a man who'd endured a spartan upbringing in a Methodist parsonage in Cornwall. To shake off the effects of this glum start in life, he became an incomparable sybarite. Within minutes of boarding the boat, he discovered a row of boatdeck cabins reserved for the gentry. Now we travel in style in what looks like a miniature Ideal Home Exhibition stand, all bright prints and fitted carpets. It's a ladylike way to cross the sea, but I miss the night life below deck, full of nuns clutching armfuls of duty-free Bailey's Irish Cream and men who look as if they could tell you what really happened to Shergar, had they a mind to.

RESERVED FOR THE GENTRY

Today, I drove into the little grey town in the west, fourteen miles along the coast road. In the Connemara Marble Shop, they sold paperback copies of Molly Parkin's novels alongside earnest biographies of Douglas Hyde. I bought an English newspaper and an Irish magazine. The newspaper wrote about Michael Winner's battles with an overly-strict film censor and, on another page, had an article to the effect that virginity is good for you. The magazine carried a savagely disapproving article about the woman who chairs the Pro-life Amendment Campaign and a short story about a woman who didn't much like her baby. Cross-cultural influences at work here, I'd say.

Ireland is having a hard time in the EEC, which wants to drag her screaming and jigging into a world approved by London NW3. Constantly under fire by Eurocrats of the Hampstead persuasion is what is known as "our traditional Irish married life", in which the wife has a lot of children and the husband has a lot to drink. A very sensible woman, Nora Gillingham, of an organization called Women in the Home, says that you cannot expect Irish women to act like their slicker European counterparts – having careers and husbands who can rustle up an excellent blanquette de veau – until traditional housing arrangements are drastically altered and Ireland is peppered with easy-care apartments instead of hard-care houses. She's right. The Irish women I know spend whole chunks of their lives in sagging cardigans and mud-spattered wellies, pegging out an endless line of washing, carrying buckets of turf to the fire and cooking on primitive stoves. By the time their last child is grown, it's time for them to be caring for their first grandchild. Sometimes, when the rain wets their nearly dry washing and their stove smokes, I pity them but not, I suspect, as often as they pity me.

In Connemara, where the only studied glances that come my way are from the cows, I go through a transformation – hair curls, eyes glow, spots vanish. Back in London, subject to heavy scrutiny, the process is reversed – hair hangs from my scalp like a dead mouse, eyes water, skin erupts, like a magazine beauty makeover feature run backwards. This is unfortunate since my first London appointment calls for a certain amount of personal glossiness. It's at the Marks & Spencer headquarters, where I have been called upon to explain some disparaging remarks about their tights that I made on this page some weeks ago.

I am led down many stately corridors and then through an impressive wooden door marked "Ladies Underwear". Inside is a larky sight: a suntanned model in a pale blue bra from the autumn collection weaves her way around the desks at which sit pin-striped men and frilly-bloused women. None is distracted. Nor do they look up when I seize one of M & S's brand new lines, introduced by popular demand – a double D sized bra. Good grief, each cup would hold a week's groceries. My own physical problems seem puny indeed.

Punier still when M & S decide that the ill-fit of their tights is not because of any abnormality on the part of my legs. Graciously, they promise to let me test-run future samples hot off the production line and, gratefully, I scamper from St Michael House, before they decide to drag me off to their laboratories to check me for spillage, shrinkage and loss of colour.

Tomorrow

Modern Times meets the night people – those who work while others sleep.

The solution to the great blue trout mystery

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

The menu said blue trout in German. Not speaking more than six words of the language, blue trout and *wiener schnitzel* were the only dishes in the whole list I could even identify. No one in the near empty lakeside restaurant spoke English or French, so I pointed at the trout, called for a glass of wine and sat back to admire the view of snow-iced peaks posing above their own darker reflections.

Some considerable time later the waiter returned with a ceremonial assembly of domed silver dishes and jugs. With a flourish he lifted the largest dome to expose a whale of fish. Its skin did indeed have a curious blue bloom and, knowing no better at the time, I assumed that the fish grew like that in the deep lakes thereabouts. Well there are brown trout and rainbow trout, so why not blue trout?

Of course I soon learned that this blue business is a piece of culinary artifice and that the skin of any fresh, unwashed trout can be made to turn blue before your very eyes. It is the natural slime, for want of a more appealing description, which changes colour when the fish is poached in an acidulated stock. Some recipes call for huge amounts of vinegar which are not only unnecessary, but spoil the taste of the fish. Lemon juice, or white wine will also do the trick. But you do need fresh, not frozen fish, and they should be handled as little as possible. Marks & Spencer's fresh farmed Scottish rainbow trout worked beautifully for this recipe and those which follow.

Our native brown trout caught in fast-flowing waters are highly prized. Farmed, usually rainbow, trout are not the most thrilling of fish though they are usually pretty enough in a snub-nosed spotty sort of way. But however fresh farmed fish is, its unathletic lifestyle or some other aspect of its super-controlled existence, produces flesh which is softer and has less tone and taste than that of a wild fish.

The best fish call for the simplest of cooking methods – frying in butter or grilling over wood. Farmed trout or any that have been frozen repay a little extra care.

Blue trout
Serves two
2 very fresh trout
450Ml (¾ pint) fish stock or water
150ml (¼ pint) dry white wine, or 4 tablespoons wine vinegar or fresh lemon juice
1 shallot or small onion, finely chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Gut the fish but do not wash them. Vandyck their tails, that is, trim them to points, if you like, and cut off the fins. Or you may prefer to leave the tails as they are on the grounds that the naturally rounded shape echoes the blunt nose and over all design of the fish.

Combine the fish stock or water with the wine, vinegar or lemon juice, onion or shallot and salt and pepper, in a shallow pan and bring the liquid to the boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and lay the fish in the simmering stock. Cook it very gently for 10 minutes. Rather than risk spoiling the skin by turning the fish, baste them with the poaching liquid and cook covered.

Drain the trout very well and serve them with melted butter or hollandaise sauce, and new potatoes.

In Wales and in the Pyrenees trout are cooked with bacon. In the French version of the recipe the pan is deglazed with a little vinegar after the fish have been fried to make an excellent, instant, sauce.

Trout with bacon
Serves four
4 plump trout
225g (8 oz) smoked bacon, lean and fat
30g (1 oz) butter
4 tablespoons seasoned flour
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons chopped chives or parsley to garnish

Gut the fish, cut off the fins and wash and dry them.

Cut the bacon in dice or narrow strips and put them in a cold frying pan. Heat slowly and steadily until the fat runs and the bacon is cooked and beginning to crisp. Then add the butter.

Coat the fish with the seasoned flour and add them to pan. Cook them for about five minutes on each side, turning carefully only once. Lift the fish from the pan and arrange them on a warm serving dish. Drain the bacon and sprinkle it over the fish. Keep warm.

Fry the garlic briefly in the fat remaining in the pan. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the vinegar. Pour the sauce immediately over the fish and serve with a sprinkling of chopped chives or parsley and plainly boiled new or old potatoes.

Nuts and trout are another well tried combination. Usually sliced almonds or hazel nuts are fried golden brown in butter after the fish has been sauteed, and the nuts then sprinkled over the fish. But the nuts can also be used to coat the fish before baking them.

Baked trout with almonds
Serves four
4 plump trout
55g (2 oz) butter, melted
110g (4 oz) almonds, very finely chopped or coarsely ground
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 lemon

Gut the fish, cut off the fins, and wash and dry them. Paint the fish with melted butter and coat them in the chopped or ground almonds. Season them lightly and lay them in one layer in a well buttered baking dish. Spoon any remaining melted butter over them.

Cook the trout in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 20 minutes. Serve immediately from the baking dish with a freshly cut wedge of lemon to squeeze over them.

TALKBACK

Delius unsullied

From J. R. Heron, Consultant Neurologist, North Staffordshire Hospital Centre, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford (Medical Briefing, March 18) quotes from Professor Soothill who was shown Sir John Coneybeare's case notes, indicating that the negative blood WR test for syphilis – the absence of involvement of the dorsal columns of the spinal cord, the absence of dementia and Sir John's own expert opinion – are all strong evidence that Delius's final illness was not due to syphilis.

A further indication that this illness was not due to acquired syphilis is that his father was known to have suffered from a similar disease, years previously.

In the nineteenth century and early twentieth century relatively obscure hereditary or sporadic spinocerebellar degenerations and demyelinating diseases of the central nervous system, of unknown aetiology, were not uncommonly and understandably, wrongly diagnosed as being due to syphilis.

A careful reappraisal of Sir John Coneybeare's case notes on Delius would certainly offer the best, and only satisfactory evidence on which to base a final and informed conclusion.

DIY cures

From Daniele Ryman, Director, Marguerite Maury, Aromatherapie, Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1.

Like Dr Linda A. Anderson and Dr J. D. Phillipson (Letters March 26), I read the Modern Times column, "Turning to the quack" (March 24) with concern. What I particularly find alarming is the implication of self-prescription. I have come across several cases where the essential oils from sage and rosemary can, through the wrong dosage, cause epileptic fits. Another example is the essential oil of camphor, in particular the cheap variety from Japan which can be toxic. This is recommended for colds and coughs.

What I would therefore suggest is that these natural remedies be administered by experienced practitioners. A list of these can be obtained from the Institute of Complementary Medicine, 21 Portland Place, London W1.

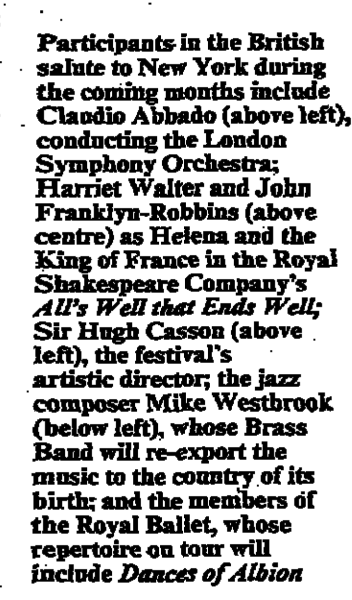
SPECTRUM

The British festival opening in New York today is reviving the enthusiasm of the Beatle era

British arts bite into the Apple

By Christopher Thomas



Participants in the British salute to New York during the coming months include Claudio Abbado (above left), conducting the London Symphony Orchestra; Harriet Walter and John Franklyn-Robbins (above centre) as Helena and the King of France in the Royal Shakespeare Company's *All's Well that Ends Well;* Sir Hugh Casson (above left), the festival's artistic director; the jazz composer Mike Westbrook (below left), whose Brass Band will re-export the music to the country of its birth; and the members of the Royal Ballet, whose repertoire on tour will include *Dances of Albion*

Even New York is dazzled by it all. The greatest outpouring of British culture ever to go abroad is spending the hot, steaming summer in America's greatest city in a fabulous display of art, dance, theatre, music and sport. There are Constable, Moore, Holbein, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Ballet. There are Highland games in Central Park and an old boy's Oxford and Cambridge boat race down the East River. Double-decker London buses are plying the crumbling streets of Manhattan, the Chelsea Flower Show has been magically recreated, and 1,000 rich Welsh voices will echo around Madison Square Garden. Somehow the festival title, "Britain Salutes New York", seems like an understatement.

The whole huge extravaganza was conceived in an airliner 25,000 feet above the Atlantic, where David Lloyd-Jacob was thinking about the little hiccup in Anglo-American relations that occurred 200 years ago. Like so many successful New York businessmen and corporate bosses, he is British; it seemed to him, in his musings, that America should be reassured that there were no hard feelings about the revolutionary war.

And so it all began. The corporate giants began falling over themselves to get involved, to sponsor something, to act as a host, to lend their names. If one is anybody in New York this summer, one simply must get invited to a British bash. Britain is not so much saluting New York as taking it over for the summer and on into the autumn.

It starts officially today with a black-tie reception at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, an appropriate setting for the greatest foreign cultural and arts festival ever staged in the United States. The schedule of events for the next few days gives an idea of the scale of things: by the end of the weekend more than 20 exhibitions of aspects of Britain past and present – just a selection of those that will eventually get under way – will have opened and the social calendar for every day this week is, to say the least, exotic.

A random selection of exhibits gives the flavour: the Guggenheim Museum will stage an exhibition focusing on British art from 1930 to the present, featuring works from Francis Bacon, Ben Nicholson, Henry Moore, Richard Hamilton and others.

More than 3,000 London Transport posters dating from 1908 will be on display, as will some exceptional English silver drawn from the Victoria and Albert Museum, the National Trust and private collections. British artists living in New York – Richard Ballard, Sue Coe, Garth Evans, Richard Kidd, Graham Nickson and Hugh O'Donnell – will be exhibiting.



Perhaps the most spectacular event to open in the next couple of days, however, is one entitled "Constable's England", the first major exhibition of John Constable's work in America in more than 30 years. It consists of 64 paintings and sketches from lenders in the US and Britain, reflecting the full spectrum of his output.

"Holbein and the Court of St James's", which opens next week, is an exhibition of 70 drawings and one painted miniature by Hans Holbein the Younger, on loan from the Queen's collection in Windsor Castle and undoubtedly the greatest collection of Holbein drawings in the world.

Another exhibition features "The Best in British Graphic Art and Photography", while the festival's eclectic nature will be indicated by a display, at the American Museum of Natural History, of the types of plants that Captain Cook took home from his voyage of botanical exploration between 1768 and 1771.

But there are more than just mainline attractions. Winston Churchill will be honoured with the first one-man show of his paintings in America, there will be a display of contemporary jewelry by leading designers, and a collection of brass rubbings will be on display.

Mike Westbrook, possibly the most prominent British jazz composer, will be in town with his six-piece brass band, playing his settings of William Blake, and in the theatre the range is enormous, including performances in halls and hotels by the Black Theatre Cooperative, the Brighton Theatre Company, The Eye and Ear Theatre, the Moving Picture Mime Show and many others.

So it goes on, something like 200 events in the entertainment halls and museums of America's cultural capital. So great is the quantity on offer, and so rich its quality, that the undertaking seems almost arrogant: one really should not be so bold in somebody else's house, even though the hosts seem not to mind a bit.

Further into this dazzling catalogue of culture, there will be a major retrospective of Henry Moore, consisting of some giant bronze sculptures as well as smaller works. Transporting that lot has cost Gould Inc, an electronics business, the best part of $800,000, the biggest single contribution of the festival.

As a whole, the jamboree is costing something between $3m and $4m, not a penny of which has come from the taxpayers of America or Britain. Capitalism, the guiding spirit of New York, is footing the entire bill.

David Lloyd-Jacob is the retired chairman of the Amcon Group Inc, a British mining equipment company that has had its headquarters in New York since 1907. He spent a long time thinking about the prospects for an arts festival during his many trips across the Atlantic. "Our two countries have a co-conspirator relationship in so many fields, especially culture," he said. "Our common heritage and language and our strong business ties are nowhere stronger than in New York City."

The torrent of American publicity has been sudden and heady. There have been huge spreads in the newspapers and magazines; not since the Beatles arrived in 1964, perhaps, has it seemed so interesting and appropriate to be British in New York. It is one of the peculiarities of the British here that they do not have a community like other ethnic groups; lately, though, they have been inspected, assessed and labelled, photographed and quoted at extraordinary length.

Some of this coverage has been amusing and highly memorable. John Richardson, sprawling in his chintz sofa and smiling out of the glossy pages of *New York* magazine, took time off writing his book about Picasso to venture his opinion about New York: "Old money meets new money here. Jews meet Gentiles, hicks meet sophisticates. The English always tend to end up the extra man."

There was also the Earl Jermyn, who spends as much time in New York as is permitted to a registered resident of Nassau and Monte Carlo and who was described as "dandified – a coronet stickpin adorns his tie." He had much to say about a subject with which he should be highly familiar: "The naïvity of the English aristocracy is incredible. They take advice from the old family lawyer who is interested in keeping things as they always were. They have no spending power, they're land heavy, and in the end they go broke."

Edwina Sandys, appearing under the headline "We Happy Few", a profile of 11 New York Brits, ventured: "English people who come here all want to achieve things. It's like Dick Whittington – streets paved with gold." She is heavily involved in organizing the festival: two telephones ring remorselessly in her Manhattan apartment, where her own spectacular works look down from a high wall on to a chaotic but friendly scene. One of the first official functions of the festival was that night – a reception at the Algonquin, the most British hotel in New York as well as the one enjoying the closest links with the worlds of literature and the arts. Entertainment was supplied by Millicent Martin. There will be a lot more of that sort of thing in the coming months.



Aside from all the culture, there is a sporting side to the festival, notably the Highland games in Central Park on May 14-15 and the Oxford-Cambridge boat race on May 8. All participants in the latter event are Blues, all but one are based in New York, and a good many of them are getting on a bit. Donald Mackay, who did his bit for Oxford in 1947, is the oldest among them; the youngest is Richard Cashin, who was in the Cambridge eight in 1976.

Watney's, the sponsors, are considering whether to make it an annual event now they have discovered that there are so many Blues in New York who seem to enjoy reliving the experience of slogging up a highly tidal river.

Organising the event has, at times, evidently been an agonizing process. One early complication occurred when the Central Park authorities got cold feet over plans for a pop concert. Then the featured group, Queen, received a lucrative offer from elsewhere and took off to the bank. There will, however, be a rock concert at Madison Square Garden on April 25, although the star attraction has yet to be nominated.

The names connected with the event are weighty indeed, starting at the top: the festival's patrons are Prince Charles and Nancy Reagan. Inevitably, there is excited speculation around town about a visit from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Fuelling the gossip, the Prince has put his signature to a full-page message in a glossy magazine supplement in the *New York Times*, wherein he gives no hints of any plans to come to the ballet but does make mention of a distant relative: "It is more than 300 years since the 30-year-old brother of King Charles II took possession of the city, which he promptly renamed, with no great modesty, after himself."

Modesty has no part in this festival. Britain is showing off, bragging with all its might in a great display of resources from the past and of the present. It is amusing that we continue to insist that it is we who are saluting them. It begins to look rather like the other way around.

Steve Lohr reports on the rising level of violence within a high-pressure education system

Japan's blackboard jungle

Tokyo
Japanese schools have traditionally been halls of order and decorum, and the students – boys garbed in black military-style jackets and girls in sailor suit uniforms – models of dedication and obedience. But a series of violent incidents involving teenagers has prompted the Education Ministry to establish a task force to study the problem and to recommend corrective measures.

In addition, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone has promised that finding ways to deal with violence in schools will be one of the priorities of his Cabinet. But neither the Prime Minister nor the Education Ministry has indicated what actions might be taken.

Since late January there have been more than a dozen cases of violence by students, both inside and outside the classroom, that were widely reported in the Japanese press, which carried references to the blackboard jungle.

Though the number of cases was small, the cruelty of some of the young people involved made them the subject of national attention and concern.

For example, in early February a gang of teenage boys beat up a number of vagrants in Yokohama, in an incident described as a sadistic orgy by the English-language *Japan Times*. Three of the victims died from their injuries.

In another case, a 14-year-old girl in a school in Kisarazu, a city near Tokyo, was beaten with a bamboo sword for three hours by a dozen of her classmates. The assailants came from affluent families and had no previous records of delinquency.

At a Tokyo junior high school, four boys ganged up on one of their 14-year-old classmates and physically abused him. In another case, a physically handicapped teacher in Tokyo stabbed a student with a fruit knife, after being harassed and attacked for weeks by a group of boys.

In Japan, a culturally and ethnically homogeneous nation with the most equitable distribution of income among the major industrialized countries, juvenile delinquency is still much less prevalent than, say, in Britain or the United States.

Yet school violence has increased sharply in recent years. Teachers say the problem first emerged about 10 years ago and has worsened steadily.

According to the National Police Agency, violent incidents involving junior and senior high school students on school premises totalled 1,961 last year, or 60 per cent more than the number three years earlier. There were 8,904 victims and 4,267 assailants, mostly students aged 14 and 15.

The police agency also reported that the number of cases of violence by junior and senior high school students against teachers reached 843 last year, four and a half times the number in 1978, when the police began counting such cases.

The numbers are tiny considering there are 10 million students in 16,000 junior and senior high schools throughout Japan. However, the reported cases are said to be only an indication of the overall problem, since most lesser incidents go unreported rather than ruining a young person's record.

The recent wave of violence came during the entrance examination season, which has just ended, when the anxiety created by Japan's uniform, highly competitive education system reaches its peak. With the end of the testing period in mid-March, the trouble subsided.

The high-pressure, cramming education is one of the biggest reasons for school violence, said Michio Nagai, a former Education Minister and a professor of educational sociology at Sophia University. "There's no question about it."

Of the recent incidents, Takuji Kimura, a 16-year-old high school student in Tokyo, said: "I was not surprised. I and many others share a sense of frustration with the system and for teachers. But the majority of us would never do violent things because it would ruin one's future."

Even on good students like Kimura, the pressure takes its toll. "About three months before my entrance examination for high school," he recalled, "I started to get a stomach ache whenever I came across a question I could not solve."

The trouble has prompted public criticism of the weak points of the Japanese education system, a system often praised for its strengths.

These strengths are considerable. The centralized, lock-step approach has high standards in such basic skills as mathematics, language and engineering. The resulting high literacy rate and technical competence of its population receives much of the credit for Japan's ability to have achieved high economic growth since the Second World War.

Nor is the education system alone blamed for the recent school violence. Teachers note that Japan's rising postwar affluence and urbanization have brought with them a steady, if slow by western standards, breakdown of traditional family values and the discipline of children. Today's children, increasingly influenced by the individualistic values of the west, are thus more likely to rebel against a system of uniform education that stresses learning by rote, education officials say.

In the Japanese system, the personal costs for the students in terms of pressure, anxiety and childhoods with limited play seem high. The entrance examinations for high school and then college are all important. The competition to prepare for the tests has become increasingly intense in recent years. With fewer children and higher incomes, more families can afford to send their offspring to the night schools that students attend after their regular classes to cram for exams.

Regardless of test scores, all students attend some high school and most can get into some university. Yet in Japan's ordered society, one's educational pedigree marks an individual for life, determining his job and social status to a far greater degree than in the United States.

Most parents are saturated with the idea that to go to a first-rank university leads to a job in a big company and that leads to a happy life, said Tamiko Kikuchi, a Yokohama woman with a child in the third grade.

Accordingly, every possible effort is directed at getting high scores on the exams. Many Japanese mothers are called education mamas, who not only encourage and prod but, when their children are ill, will go notebook in hand to attend the classes themselves to make sure young Kenji or Junko does not slip behind.

Every year there are students who, unable to bear the pressure, commit suicide before the exams or, more often, take their lives after receiving disappointing marks. In 1981, 1,777 people aged 24 and under committed suicide in Japan.

All education systems, Japanese teaching experts note, both qualify students for life by teaching them useful skills and classify them for life by acting as a social sorting system. But in Japan, many say, there is too much emphasis on classification based on narrow criteria.

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High standards in Japan's schools, but at what cost?

MOREOVER... Miles Kington

This week sees the reappearance of the *Radio Times*, after an absence bravely borne, and the BBC has declared tomorrow a day of national rejoicing. There will, of course, be a service of thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral, attended by all 92 BBC governors (or those that have survived the absence of the *Radio Times*), and broadcast live on Radio 4 and BBC2 (see daily newspapers and *Time Out* for full details). It is hoped that the Queen will be able to attend; if not, her place will be taken by the Assistant Head of Religious and Monarchic Outside Broadcasts, or Queeny for short.

At St John's-in-the-Reith there will be a pulpit debate which should arouse a lot of public interest, between the editor of the *Radio Times* and a senior producer at BBC-TV. The text of this public discussion will be: "How on earth, by all that is holy, is it possible to commission four pages of feature writing on a new series *and not mention the programme once*, only the private life of the actors concerned?" No-one expects to hear an answer to this perennial problem in our lifetime, but the debate should be lively.

Equally solemnly, there will be a procession to the Tomb of the Unknown Composer, who is responsible for so much of Radio 3's output. Wreaths will be laid by the Baroque Society, the Friends of French Opera Overtures, the Society for the Preservation of Rural English Songwriters and CAMRA (the Campaign for Rare Albinoni). There will then be a performance of the song-cycle "On Warlock Edge" and six concerti grossi by Galtieri. They will then be played again at the right speed.

But the accent will be on fun as well, and the team who produce the puzzles and riddles that now occupy so much of the *Radio Times* will be on show in the busking area in Covent Garden, where they will give a display of sensational anagrams and brain-teasers, culminating in a march-past by the BBC's own house-trained palindromes and a parachute descent by Roger Woddis, who will compose a new verse for the occasion as he falls.

The ever-popular *Radio Times* letters unit will put on a demonstration in Hyde Park (not Wales, Scotland or the regions) of dismantling a programme and putting it together again in one and a half minutes as the viewers would like it. Members of the public will also be able to put their complaints to the Deputy Head of Heavy Entertainment in person; he unfortunately will not be able to be there, as he has been sent on attachment to Aberdeen, but there will be a personal tape recording of his answer: "While we accept your criticisms in full, we feel that we know much better than you and that the programme was perfect in every way. Next, please."

For those who like to see behind the scenes, the BBC-TV Railway Film Unit are demonstrating some of the techniques used in their next epic series, *Great Railway Sidings of The World*, while *Top of the Pops* will be showing just what happens during the four days necessary to train an average *TOTP* audience (the groups themselves, of course, just turn up and mime). David Attenborough will this week be looking for rare insects in Brunei, Iceland, Hawaii and Mauritius, so if you happen to be in the area, he says why not drop in and help him have a look or bring your own insects if you've got any? Jolly good.

Finally, if the absence of the *Radio Times* forced you to miss the historic programme in which Richard Attenborough accepted the nomination for the Eurovision Song Contest of his new number, "My Passive Resistance is Low", rest assured that it will soon be repeated.

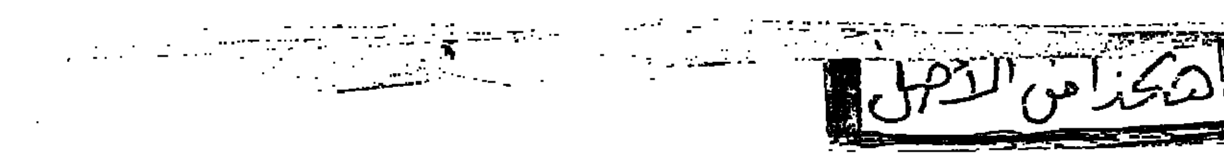
As the new *Radio Times* does not start till Saturday, here is a brief resumé of programmes till then. Radio 1, as Radio 2. Radio 2, as Radio 1. Radio 3, music. Radio 4, talk. BBC-1, final episode of *I Love Paras in the Springtime*. BBC-2, the Dimbleby Snooker Finals: John Pilger v "Hurricane" Thatcher.

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25 Level (4)
26 Bird of prey
27 Limited (6)

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1 Store (4)
2 Small object (9)
3 Evolve (5)
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5 Baking place (4)
6 Mails (5)
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11 French king (5)
12 Fraud (9)
13 Harbour (4)
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THE TIMES DIARY

Leg spinner

One of the ironies of the Australian prime minister's campaign against sporting links with South Africa is that Bob Hawke's life was once saved by a Springbok cricketer, touring Australia 31 years ago. It happened at Perth University where Hawke, as a student, did sparetime gardening for cash. One of his legs was caught in the wheel of a horse-drawn cart, and his thigh was badly torn when the horse bolted. Roy McLean, a South African batsman, and the late Ken Viljoen, Springbok tour manager, who were in Perth for the first match of the 1952-53 tour, rushed to Hawke's aid. Viljoen used McLean's shirt as a tourniquet while the batsman called an ambulance. Hawke later wrote to McLean to thank him for "saving my life".

Incidentally, I notice that Hawke is now seeking a butler for his official residence in Canberra. The pay is £310 a week, but "only suitably experienced and qualified" candidates need apply. I wonder what that means.

Hairy

One incident from the royal progress through Australia has not previously broken surface in this country, though it is a favourite among antipodean reporters assigned to the tour. During a walkabout in South Australia, the Princess of Wales made, as usual, for the kiddies and patted one tousle-headed mite on the head. "And why aren't you in school. today?" she inquired. "I was sent home, miss", the urchin replied, "because I've got head lice."

Book of the film

Like the Yanks, the bookies took a pasting on the Oscars. Esal Bookmakers, who offered the first British book on the academy awards, lost a total of £80,000 on *Gandhi*'s triumph. They dropped £52,000 on its selection as best film, and £20,000 on Ben Kingsley's success as best actor. Oddly, no one backed Sir Richard Attenborough to lift the best director award. Undaunted, the bookies are looking to recoup their losses. Already the odds against a British film completing the hat-trick next year are only a stingy 2-1.

● *Here is a sentence from a London Marathon press release which I guarantee will make cyclists and motorist fume: "To ensure smooth running for Marathon entrants, engineers are now filling the holes in the roads along the route".*

Proms to pit

It came as a surprise even to the management at Sadler's Wells this week to discover that the pianist in the orchestra pit to accompany the dancing of the Joyce Trisler Dans Company is Yitkin Seow, better known as a successful concert player. In 1974 he won the BBC piano competition as youngest ever competitor, and he has played several televised Promenade concerts since. Not only is this the first time Seow has played for dancers, it is also the first time the dancers have worked to live accompaniment. Seow, who took the job partly for the challenge of tackling Hindemith's *Four Temperaments*, is beneficiary of the Musicians' Union's stern attitude to the use of tape recordings at live performances.

Waste not

I have struck a rich vein in the matter of toilet time reading. After Dr Johnson on the subject, here is Lord Chesterfield's advice to his son, quoted by Roy Porter in *English Society in the 18th Century* and forwarded to me by the vicar of Wadsley, Sheffield: "I knew a gentleman who was so good a manager of his time, that he would not even lose that small portion of it which calls of nature obliged him to pass in the necessary house, but gradually went through all the Latin poets in those moments. He bought, for example, a common edition of Horace, of which he tore off gradually a couple of pages, carried them with him to that necessary place, read them first and sent them down as a sacrifice to Cloacina; that was so much time fairly gained, and I recommend you to follow his example ... it will make any book which you shall read in that manner very present in your mind." Especially, of course, if it blocks the drains.

● *A correction circulated by the Birmingham Association of University Teachers says: "An unfortunate, if not entirely inappropriate, misprint has crept in ... Nominations for the new National Women's Advisory Committee should, of course, be accompanied by brief* biographical *notes, and not by brief* biological *notes."*



A Conservative councillor in Lambeth is calling for the borough's teeming pigeon population to be fed chemo-sterilants, which is the more surprising since the councillor's name is Dickie Bird. Objectors to his scheme are not much on the side of the pigeons, but favour shooting and trapping instead. Marksmen visit Waterloo station twice a year, early on Sunday mornings, to pop off some of the pestilential pouters. The trouble with feeding sterilizing agents to the pigeons, it is said, is that their breeding season is so long there is nothing strong enough to stop them producing a clutch of squabbling squabs in the end.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

A woman's place is in the House, or is it?

I learn (from an article by the Prime Minister's daughter, no less) of an organization called "The 300 Group", that being the number of women MPs the outfit is determined to see elected, on the ground that since women constitute half the population it is only just and fitting that they should be represented in Parliament by their own sex in the same proportion.

My first instinct, when I read this news, was go back to bed and pull the bedclothes up over my head, so that the neighbours should not be disturbed by my moans. My second instinct was to feel that the question is not quite so simple as that. What my third and deciding instinct will be I have not yet discovered, and I hope to do so in the course of this column.

Let us take first the thought that the ladies of The 300 Group are barking up a *non sequitur* of massive dimensions, a view which has much to commend it. Parliament exists to represent the political will of the country; it is organized into parties because it *is* only through party that that will can be channelled into a choice for the electorate. Both halves of this proposition are crude and imperfect, but they are the best we can do, and I know of no free country that denies either.

It follows that the selection of an MP is a political process. Of course, that is not entirely so, any more than the system itself is entirely perfect, but it is the ultimate aim, and cannot be otherwise if our system is to work at all.

But what is political about the *fact* of gender? (The attitudes to gender, and the effect of those attitudes, constitute another question, which I shall come to in a moment.) In what way is a woman MP politically different, solely because of her sex, from a male one? For the life of me, I cannot see any answer to that question other than nonsense (which I trust The 300 Group itself would repudiate) like the argument that women would bring a gentler touch to policies, would persuade the hostile man-led powers to lay down their masculine arms, would use "feminine intuition" to solve the problems of inflation, unemployment and Northern Ireland. All such arguments patronize and diminish women, rather than respecting and enhancing them, and I trust that no serious supporter of equality for women would embrace them (the arguments, that is).

If women, solely because of their numbers, ought to be half of Parliament, what about homosexuals? I don't know what the latest imaginary figure for the proportion of homosexuals in the population is supposed to be – I last saw it passing the 20 per cent mark and for all I know it may be approaching *120* by now – but if sex is to decide the way we elect our MPs the "third sex" can surely claim treatment as fair as that which is to be meted out to women when The 300 Group has its way. And what about race, religion, and other important qualifications? There is a real case to be made out, if we are going to abandon the purely political nature of candidate selection, for a fixed proportion (indexed to allow for changes in the population) of coloured MPs, Jewish MPs, disabled MPs, drunken MPs (already, as a matter of fact, represented far more numerously than their boozy brothers and sisters in the population at large) and mad MPs.

I believe I was the first commentator on public affairs to campaign publicly for Mrs Thatcher's election as Leader of the Conservative Party. (I learned on that occasion, incidentally, that the women's movement in this country is largely bogus; instead of supporting her, and hailing her election when it was won, on the *ground that this represented a giant* advance for their sex irrespective of her politics, they foamed with rage because she was a Tory, and could not conceal their chagrin when her male colleagues chose her.) But I wanted her to win, as I wanted her to win the subsequent general election, not because it was time we had a woman party leader and Prime Minister, but because I thought she was the best candidate for both offices. No one now argues (I predicted this effect, and the speed with which it took place) for or against Mrs Thatcher because she is a woman; they admire or detest her policies, her character, her attitudes, and so they should. But what, then, is so different about women MPs who are not Prime Ministers? Why should they be selected on a principle that all can see is untenable in the case of Mrs T?

At this point I must put my head out, very cautiously, from under the bedclothes. There is no doubt that women are discriminated against, by those charged with the selection of Tory and Labour parliamentary candidates (and I do not believe the Alliance is really any better), and that they are discriminated against *because* they are women.

This is illogical and unfair; it also lowers the quality of Parliament, in that, whenever a better candidate is passed over for a worse, Parliament (and we) lose something valuable, and it seems to me clear that worse candidates are preferred to better ones only, in general, when the better is a woman. The result of this discrimination can be seen in the numbers of women who sit in the House of Commons at this moment; not many more than 20; I am unable to believe that of all the women who went forward for candidatures only this pitiful number were more qualified than their male rivals, or for that matter that those who did not even get on to the short list were inferior to all the men who did.



What can we do about it? Obviously, only one thing; change attitudes. How best can we change attitudes? I am not one of those who think that since legislation cannot itself make us virtuous, it should never be employed where virtue is required; the legal prohibition against discrimination on a basis of colour will not rapidly stop people hating or despising those of darker hue than themselves, but it will stop hoteliers hanging out signs saying "No niggers here", and who will deny that that is a gain of sorts?

Unfortunately, the problem under discussion is not amenable to legislation; not even the most fanatical member of the 300 Group (I take it) would advocate a law *obliging* half the constituency parties in the country to choose women candidates for Parliament, and, as I have made clear, I think that it would be a bad idea if such a law could be passed, since however unfair the existing discrimination is, choosing political candidates for non-political reasons would still be disastrously wrong. (And it is, after all, exactly what the discriminators do.)

What all sensible people want, surely, is the selection of the best candidates. That can never be fully achieved, but it is a goal to strive for, and meanwhile it can be approached one step at a time. Moreover, it can *only* be approached one step at a time. And since the leaders of all the parties are unable, whatever their private opinions, to do anything in public but urge the end of this discrimination, the first step could and should be a vigorous campaign of exhortation (and, if necessary, threat) on the part of our political leaders, directed at their own political followers. (The Tories, with a woman Prime Minister, have less excuse than their opponents, though the Labour Party has an extra *handicap in the implacably* discriminatory nature of the unions.)

Let it be clear, though, that the thrust of any such campaign is against discrimination, not in favour of the kind of principle espoused by the 300 Group. What, after all, would its members do if they fully achieved their object, so that half the members of the House of Commons were women, and then found that in all the constituencies of the other half there was a woman candidate much better qualified than any of the men?

David Hewson

Gandhi: the even bigger prize

The *Gandhi* bandwagon has been rolling towards an Oscar success for months. Sir Richard Attenborough's film may not have been pushed with the overwhelming Hollywood razzmatazz of some of its rivals, but it was helped by a very British publicity campaign, quiet without being self-effacing, modest, and brimming over with integrity, very much like the picture itself.

It would be a mistake to assume, however, that *Gandhi*'s prizes, following, as they do, the unexpected win of the best picture award by *Chariots of Fire* last year, spell some form of inevitable recovery for the British film industry. The domestic publicity machine will undoubtedly work overtime in the next few days, much of it aimed at Mr Iain Sproat, the minister who is about to reshape much of the business. It will demand extra tax concessions, levies on the showing of films on television, and more funds for the state-sponsored National Film Finance Corporation.

What will be missing from the clamour is one simple truth behind the decline of British cinema – that the film business started to hit the rocks when it began to make films which the public did not want to see.

Gandhi's Oscars may well do wonders for Goldcrest, the company which made it, but it does not alter the basic fact that an industry that has lost its umbilical cord to public taste can only stagnate. Britain is still a long way from re-establishing a cycle of domestic film production in which an average budget film stands a reasonable chance of recouping its costs.

Last year, according to *Screen International*, 51 major films were made in Britain or by British film units, compared with 24 in 1981. With cinema audiences tumbling, except for major hits like *Gandhi* and *E.T.*, few are likely to show a profit, or convince any foreign distributor of a resurgence in British cinema.

The record of the National Film Finance Corporation has been particularly disappointing. Backed by money from the Eady Levy, the tax on cinema admissions, the NFFC has produced a series of flops, the most disappointing of which was Lindsay Anderson's return to film-making, *Britannia Hospital*.

When the results of Mr Sproat's review become known in the next few weeks, it seems likely that the NFFC and the Eady Levy may be ended.

Both actions would be interpreted as an attack on the film industry by those who believe the Government should positively encourage our film-makers.

No one has yet explained adequately why the cinema industry is more deserving of favourable treatment than, say, makers of ball bearings, who may offer steadier employment for more people.

But this should not disguise the fact that there are anomalies in the Government's attitude towards the cinema. The most obvious is the way in which departmental responsibility for crucially related matters such as cable television, cinema industry training and film policy itself is split between the Home Office, the Department of Trade and the Department of Education and Science.

This is an anachronism and a nuisance, but it does not prevent anyone making a feature film. Only a lack of finance does that, and, given some of the spectacular excesses of the British film business in recent years, investors cannot be blamed for putting their money elsewhere.

Far too often, would-be backers have discovered, to their cost, that unreality exists in both sides of the cameras. Production expertise, financial management, and accurate accounting are skills which have often been absent, probably because they were thought inferior to creative talent.

What is, perhaps, most remarkable about *Gandhi* is that after 20 years of Attenborough's efforts, anyone stumped up the cash for the venture. It was James Lee, Goldcrest's chairman and chief executive of its parent, Pearson Longman, who nudged Pearson away from its more conventional interests – the *Financial Times* and Penguin Books – towards films at a time when the rest of the City was watching Lord Grade's ACC pour millions down the drain on flops like *Raise the Titanic*.

Goldcrest's interests have been unashamedly commercial. It has dug deep into its reserves to hire figures it views as the brightest talents around – Puttnam, Barry Hanson, who produced *The Long Good Friday*, and former Thames TV head Mike Wooller – and concentrated on making intelligent, popular pictures. Like any other company, it lives or dies by the quality of its output.

Compare this with the elitist, little-seen films of the NFFC, where profits are preferable to losses, but not essential, and one confronts the conflict between the old, dying British cinema of subsidies, intervention and direction by the good and great, and the promise of a more vigorous cinema where that subtle relationship between public taste and a producer's skill resumes its cardinal importance.

While one may argue about *Gandhi*'s artistic merits over its rivals, the very fact that it was financed at all, after so many years of Attenborough's fruitless searching, depended more on Pearson Longman's changing nature than the quality of the subject. What it has proved is a truism the British film business forgot: that a good picture attracts audiences and acclaim. What *Gandhi* does not offer is a miracle ingredient to solve a sorry film industry's ills.

Blood on a black spot

Mr R. A. F. Swart: And if they do not wish to be moved? The Minister (Dr Piet Koornhof): Then we try to discuss it with them, and we try to get them to participate. I am on record as saying that we want to get away as far as is practicable and possible from forced removals. (From the Hansard record of a debate in the House of Assembly in Cape Town on February 11, on the uprooting of black communities.)

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Saul Mkhize will be buried on Saturday in a plot behind his family home, a walled enclosure of solid one-storey thatched huts built from stones handcut by his grandfather more than 70 years ago. He died because he wanted to go on living where his father and grandfather had lived and died and been buried before him. Even in death the apartheid ideologues might still pursue him to seize and re-inter his bones.

On Easter Saturday Mr Mkhize called a meeting in the yard of the primary school at Driefontein, in the wooded, undulating countryside of the south-eastern Transvaal close to the border with Swaziland. He had intended to discuss a petition he had drafted protesting against the Government's plan to resettle the village's 5,000 or more inhabitants in tribal reserves.

The draft of the petition read in part: "We and our families have lived in Driefontein for over 70 years. We cannot accept that the Government can simply take away our land without even being prepared to discuss it with us".

Several hundred villagers turned up for the meeting, but before it could begin two police constables, one white and one black, arrived in a van and declared the gathering illegal. According to the villagers, there was some scuffling when the white policeman tried to grab Mr Mkhize's loudhailer and punched or slapped him in the face. Tear gas canisters were fired.

Then the white constable drove the van out of the fenced yard, stopped, took out "a long gun" and fired at least two shots. The first hit a tree. The second was aimed directly at Mr Mkhize. The police say the constable acted to save himself from a "frenzied mob".

In the unlovely glossary of apartheid, Driefontein is a "black spot", sometimes more euphemistically called "a poorly situated area". The term is used to describe the parcels of land bought freehold by blacks from whites before 1913, when the Native Lands Act prohibited further transactions of this kind. Since they came to power in 1948, the Nationalists, in their



Before the final terror: Saul Mkhize with white anti-apartheid campaigners. Two weeks later he was shot.

pathological obsession with racial tidiness, have been seeking to eradicate these black splotches besmirching the face of "white" South Africa.

The Government is secretive about the scale of the removals, and its figures are considered unreliable. The best independent guess is that close to half a million people have been trucked from "black spots" and dumped in usually barren resettlement camps in one or other of the 10 generally impoverished and disease-ridden tribal "homelands" set aside for black occupation. Together they account for no more than 14 per cent of South Africa's land surface.

The "black spot" removals are only part of a larger resettlement policy in which an estimated two to three million people, the vast majority of them black and most of them against their will, have been moved. A further million are said to be threatened with removal. The "black spot" eradication is peculiarly senseless because it typically involves the uprooting of what are not only long-established but usually contented, conservative and relatively successful rural communities. Driefontein is a fair example.

Covering 6,100 acres, it was one of three farms sold by a Willem Gouws to the Native Farmers' Association of Africa Ltd in 1912. This was one of a number of companies set up to buy land for black settlement at a time when many whites were moving to the cities. Two adjoining pieces of black farmland, Daggakraal, likewise bought from Willem Gouws, and Ngema are also fighting eviction.

Driefontein's inhabitants are mainly Swazis and Zulus. There are about 300 individual landowners, many of whom lease out their small acreages on a sharecropping basis to tenants. Many of the tenants were themselves born in Driefontein, but others, including labourers and "squatters" evicted from white farms, arrived later.

They raise cattle, goats and chickens, and grow maize, beans, potatoes, cabbages, pumpkins and fruit, some of which they sell on the local market. Many of them work in Johannesburg, living in Soweto during the week, or in nearby Piet Retief. Others are employed on neighbouring white farms or in timber factories and mills in the area. Little wonder that they do not relish the thought of being added to the growing mass of rural destitute in the hideously over-populated and over-grazed "homelands".

They have built their own homes, one or two of them quite imposing in stone or brick like the Mkhize homestead, others of more traditional African design. They have also built churches, shops and a primary and a secondary school. The uncertainty of their status, and the worry that if moved they would get no compensation for any improvements, has inhibited them from spending money on other things they need, such as new boreholes, a clinic, a cattle dip and bigger school buildings.

Some years ago government officials went to the village and had the letters "S" or "Z", followed by a number, painted on the doors of houses. At the time, many villagers naively accepted the explanation that the purpose was to improve postal deliveries. In fact it was to show who were destined for KaNgwane, the Swazi "homeland", and who were for KwaZulu, the Zulu "homeland", in crude disregard of cross-tribal marriage and family links.

In 1981 the villagers received a letter from a government deputy minister saying that sometimes it was necessary "for people to be encouraged to move for their own ultimate good" and that a dam "of national importance" was to be built which would "inundate some of your properties". In fact it has never been shown that the dam needs to flood more than a small part of the Driefontein area if at all.

The villagers also learnt that they would be taken to the resettlement locations in buses, provided with rations for no more than three days and temporary accommodation in tents or prefabricated shacks.

Mr Mkhize, who was about 48, inherited four properties from his father. He was also a qualified printer and worked in an accountancy firm in Johannesburg. Last December, at a meeting of 3,000 of the villagers, he was elected chairman of a new council of directors. This in effect replaced the previous "community board" which, it was felt, had not been negotiating toughly enough with the government. At one point about 80 landholders had signed affidavits saying they wanted to be moved, but nearly all later said they had done so under threats and pressure.

From December on there was increasing harassment of the villagers by police and government officials. In February, Mr Mkhize's 17-year-old son Paris was beaten up by some men who identified themselves as policemen (though the police disclaim any responsibility for the incident). On March 19 a magistrate from Wakkerstroom arrived and delivered an ultimatum from the government: the resettlement was going ahead whether the villagers liked it or not, and the counting of houses and people would begin shortly. Two days before he died, Mr Mkhize wrote a letter direct to the Prime Minister, Mr Pieter Botha, beseeching him: "We need your help and we ask for it now".

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When no deal is the best deal

Pactitis is the special professional malady of foreign ministries and of career diplomats: the notion that any agreement is better than none. Whether the agreement (accord, pact, treaty, convention, protocol) is intrinsically good or bad is professionally of secondary importance. The pact's the thing.

To be fair, an agreement between friends or natural associates is good, more often than not. The North Atlantic Treaty, for instance, was good, meeting the need for collective defence against Stalin.

Even the Treaty of Rome had its good points, though it would have been better if the insular British had not boycotted the Messina conference of 1955 and had helped to shape a treaty more consistent with Britain's interests, instead of leaving it to the French to make the running.

Where pactitis is dangerous is in negotiations with an ideological or political adversary, who regards negotiations as a continuation of war by other means.

I am prompted to these reflections by the bellicose statements of Marshal Kulikov at the latest meeting of the Warsaw Pact, of which he is commander-in-chief. His words were ostensibly addressed to President Reagan, but in reality to the "peace" demonstrators in the West, who need a good anti-American scare every now and then. He sounded awfully like Khrushchev 20 years ago, boasting: "We will bury you!"

Nothing, of course, could be more desirable than a US-Soviet pact on intermediate-range missiles *in* Europe, or for that matter on the intercontinental monsters – but only if the outcome preserved or restored the nuclear balance on which peace depends, as the case may be; and only if the pact made adequate provision for inspection. The spy-in-the-sky does not see *everything*. A pact for the sake of reassuring CND would be terrifying.

In fact, all conflicts involving ideological adversaries are soluble if one is prepared to give the adversary what he wants. Neville Chamberlain and Edouard Daladier reached agreement with Hitler at Munich by the simple expedient of giving him Czechoslovakia. Chamberlain thought this piece of paper had bought "peace in our time". He was, putting it minimally, wrong.

The late Pierre Mendès-France reached agreement with ideological adversaries at Geneva in July 1954, winning a bet that he would bring peace to Indochina within a month, or resign as Premier. The clocks, it is said, were stopped in the Palais des Nations to enable him to make his deadline.

The agreement marked France's recognition of defeat, and Mendès-France even managed to deny his real adversary, Ho Chi Minh, the whole of the prize he coveted (both North and South Vietnam) by swopping the partition of Vietnam against an undertaking to Molotov that he (Mendès-France) would allow the proposal for a European Defence Community (EDC) to die in the French Assembly. Which duly happened.

Similarly, Henry Kissinger thought he had achieved "peace with honour" in Paris in January 1973, enabling the Americans to pull out of Vietnam. Two years later the communist forces overran South Vietnam (whose own forces had been denied ammunition by the US Congress), and Ho Chi Minh had his posthumous triumph.

Perhaps the classic case of a bad agreement hailed at the time as a diplomatic triumph was the Geneva pact on Laos, in July 1962. With what infinite patience, skill and good humour did that delightful man, the late Malcolm MacDonald, manage to persuade the neutralist and anti-communist factions to join the communists in a government of national unity. The predictable delayed outcome was that the communists made a meal of their temporary partners.

Palestine could well be one of the bad agreements still to be reached. Mrs Thatcher's refusal to play host to the PLO shows her awareness of the potential danger of handing that unfortunate territory and its people to a group of terrorists who were adopted by the Soviet Union in 1974 as a potential instrument of its foreign policy. To what extent they remain one after their dispersal from Lebanon and after the Russians had failed to lift a finger to defend them against the Israeli incursion does, however, need to be clarified.

Another bad agreement of the avoidable future could be a settlement of the Namibian problem. The kind of agreement I have in mind would be one that gave control over South-West Africa to that other surrogate of the Soviet Union, Swapo. In no time, Admiral Gorshkov would be setting up a naval base in what is now the South African enclave of Walvis Bay, and threatening to undo some of the good of our Falklands victory.

My fingers are firmly crossed.



TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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ROCK OF AGES

Every spring since about 1850 the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets of the Royal Navy have met in Gibraltar and carried out joint exercises. Since 1945, this naval exercise has been called Spring Train. It has usually included both naval manoeuvres and some simulated defence of the Rock against possible assault. Last year, when the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic were being invaded by a real enemy, there were 24 British warships at anchor in the harbour of Gibraltar.

Until the Lisbon Agreement of 1980, which visualised that the border between the Rock and the mainland would be fully opened, Spain used to mark this British naval activity with diplomatic protest. Indeed there were often protests at the visit of a single warship, particularly a nuclear submarine. The Lisbon Agreement was supposed to trade the unqualified opening of the frontier with an undertaking to start discussions on all outstanding matters between Spain and Britain. After it was signed, the diplomatic protests stopped.

In the event Lisbon was never implemented, since the date chosen followed too closely on the dispatch of the task force to recover the Falklands and Spaniards of all political persuasions became seized by an emotional rapport with Argentina. Throughout the Falklands campaign the Spanish press crackled with hostility to Britain. There was an obvious identification between the Argentine attitude to "Las Malvinas", and every Spaniard's desire to reabsorb Gibraltar into Spain.

Now Spain's new Socialist government has reactivated the Spanish protest at Spring Train and has threatened to take "appropriate measures" to see that Spain's interests will not be prejudiced. Madrid has overreacted to the perfectly legitimate presence of the British fleet. That is sad, but politically understandable. In Spain post-Falkland emotions still run high. There could be no more obvious trigger to them than the spectacle of a British Task Force – even to the inclusion of HMS Invincible – carrying out manoeuvres in an area of great political sensitivity off the southern coast of Spain. That sensitivity is not just caused by the memory of last year's warfare in the South Atlantic, when Spanish-speaking forces were humiliated, but also by the delicacy of Spain's uncertain membership of NATO.

Ironically it is in the field of naval cooperation between Britain and Spain within NATO that both countries could achieve most progress towards some sort of normalcy in arrangements over Gibraltar. The most likely outcome of Spain's membership being ratified by referendum, for instance, would be a new Nato naval command, in which a British admiral in Gibraltar would operate under the overall direction of a Spanish commander-in-chief. In those circumstances, next year's exercise Spring Train would be able to celebrate a fruitful, if functional, reconciliation between the two navies, entirely without prejudice to the difficult political discussions which should follow a full opening of the border.

Sadly the Spanish Government has not fully raised its siege so the Lisbon Agreement still remains to be implemented. Such a state of affairs would be inconceivable between two NATO allies with democratically elected governments. It would be even more inconceivable, indeed intolerable, between two members of the EEC, assuming that Spain's application to join is ultimately accepted. Moreover the partial opening of the frontier to Spanish and Gibraltarian pedestrians has been grossly discriminatory. Gibraltarians can buy fresh produce in Spain and carry it home, but Spaniards are not allowed to do the reverse. No tourists are allowed to cross from Gibraltar into Spain, so that Gibraltar's tourist industry cannot as yet be revived. The estimated cash outflow from Gibraltar into Spain is thus running at between £100,000 and £150,000 per week and has given rise to many complaints by Gibraltar's Chamber of Commerce pressing its Government to retaliate in some way.

So there are points to be made by both sides. The wider interest must surely be to get over this momentary unpleasantness in relations and proceed to a point where a democratic Spain is a member both of NATO and of the European Community. From the British point of view that would not only enhance both the Alliance and the Community. It would also ensure that a democratic Spain, in spite of its feelings and ambitions for Gibraltar, would fully understand the democratic necessity for Britain to honour its pledge under the Gibraltar constitution to respect the wishes of the Gibraltarians on the issue of sovereignty.

OF BACKBENCHERS, BABY AND BATHWATER

Mr Norman St John-Stevas's Parliamentary Control of Expenditure (Reform) Bill has made considerable progress in its committee stage. The Comptroller and Auditor General, invented by Mr Gladstone in 1866 as a means of ensuring probity in the public finances, has had his powers substantially strengthened. Mr St John-Stevas has brought the Treasury and its Chief Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, a long way in persuading them to agree that the Comptroller shall be in future an official of the House of Commons and that his right to pursue value-for-money, plus efficiency and effectiveness investigations, should be set in statute as Gladstone enshrined his traditional audit powers in the Exchequer and Audit Act. In future, the Commons backbenches, most notably the Chairman of the Select Committee on Public Accounts, will enjoy an effective veto over whom is appointed to the Comptrollership, though the Prime Minister will continue formally to recommend the name of the appointee.

These reforms may sound arcane to the layman. But they are the very stuff of backbench power. Yet, when Standing Committee C reconvenes this morning after the Easter recess it will meet in an atmosphere of sourness and recrimination. For the reformers have fallen out.

The acrimony arises from the compromise reached between Mr St John-Stevas and Mr Brittan on how the nationalised industries shall be audited on behalf of Parliament and who shall do it. The original version of the bill would have enabled the Comptroller and Auditor General to assign staff from his Exchequer and Audit Department to examine the books of public bodies 50 per cent or more of whose finance was furnished from the public purse.

The Nationalised Industries Chairmen's Group was incensed. The Treasury and the Department of Industry counter-attacked on the chairmen's behalf.

Under the new clause which enshrines the Stevas-Brittan concordat, an audit of economy, efficiency and effectiveness will be carried out annually within each nationalized industry. The field to be investigated will be decided by the industry's sponsoring minister, the Public Accounts Committee and the select committee which monitors the work of the body concerned. The auditor concerned will not be a member of the Comptroller's staff, though the Comptroller will be able to comment on what he unearths. The results will be reported to Parliament. The sponsoring minister, after consultation with the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, can exclude from release, "any matters the publication of which would in his opinion prejudice national security or seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of the body in question or of any other person".

Several MPs on Standing Committee C regard the new clause as not merely useless, but positively harmful. They argue that for a nationalized industry audit to be truly independent, it should be carried out by the Comptroller and the cost borne by Parliament. They do not want a "bonanza" for private accountants.

The dissenters are sufficiently enraged to arouse fears that the bill as a whole might be wrecked. Clause 22 might be defeated in committee today, though it will probably scrape through. If it does, Labour MPs in general could be moved to kill it at the report stage.

To lose the gains already won at committee stage in the shape of new powers for the Comptroller would be tragic. The exponents of backbench power should agree at least to consolidate gains on the Comptroller's role. For its part, the Government should make amends for the earlier antipathy by taking the Bill over and finding sufficient time on the floor of the Commons to ensure its passage, with or without the controversial clause.

NO PLINTH, NO PILLAR

Arguments in favour of building a European pillar within the frame work of Nato have been fashionable for more than a decade at least. Unlike those in favour of motherhood and apple pie, they have not gone entirely unopposed. But the "ayes" have usually outnumbered the "noes" within the forum of an intellectual debate. Now the report by Chatham House and others has swelled the chorus of assent.

Many Europeans have lost confidence in the leadership from Washington, and resent having to play second fiddle. Many Americans have lost confidence in the willingness of Europeans to shoulder their fair share of the defence burden – and resent having to redress the balance of the Old World without an appropriate display of gratitude. The European allies in fact still provide the bulk of Nato's ground and air defences in situ – and it is equally true that American motives are not simply altruistic. But the perceptions are none the less important and if the dissatisfaction which emerges on both sides of the Atlantic from time to time could be removed – then Nato would be the better for it.

Ideally pillars should grow naturally, developing slowly like stalagmites as opposed to springing up overnight as it were – like monuments. Ideas at some stage have to coalesce before being given practical form. But the inspiration behind any such development within the Atlantic alliance should be deeply and universally felt if it is going to be more than a nine days' wonder. Whether this is now the case is very doubtful. Arguments heard now differ little from those which were being expressed in the early 1970s and while the assent is still louder than the dissent, it is far from being united.

One of the difficulties is that those in favour of strengthening the European pillar cannot decide upon the plinth. Should it be the European Community – as is favoured in this latest plea? Or should it be the Eurogroup, the tangential body of European powers which already exists within Nato? Or indeed should it not be the Western European Union (WEU), now quietly moribund – but, in French eyes anyway, capable of resuscitation?

There are arguments for and against adopting any of these as the basis for a more distinctly European contribution to the cause of Western defence. In many ways the WEU would be ideal, particularly as it has the support of the French – and to build a European pillar without winning the judgment of Paris would be plainly absurd.

The chief advantage of the Eurogroup is that it exists and works – though in a rather more limited sense than is here envisaged. (And it is within Nato already). The European Community by contrast is entirely distinct from Nato, although it is true that its machinery for coordinating foreign policies where practicable is working very well. The Community includes Ireland which is non-Nato, and does not contain Norway – but those are anomalies which are not insuperable. On balance the choice of the Community is arguable but not irresistably so. Moreover to suggest that a European pillar should be built within Nato just to help strengthen the Community is the kind of argument which is, without wishing to cause offence, Irish.

The latest report carefully and rightly distinguishes between a defence community in Europe which would exist without the United States, and the concept of a European voice within the alliance. Even so, however right-minded one may be, the danger of splitting the alliance into two camps is a real one – and one which Nato, for all its imperfections, has so far just managed to avoid. We should not run the risk of driving the Americans back to their own tents, by accident or design.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aid to Cambodian refugees

From the Director of The British Refugee Council and others

Sir, Your leader (April 7) focuses attention on the continuing plight of Cambodian refugees in Thailand and of at least 150,000 innocent Cambodian civilians caught in crowded temporary villages astride the Thai-Cambodian border.

These people are prevented from entering Thailand by the Thai Army and prevented from returning to the interior of Cambodia by their own guards and the Vietnamese Army; their situation is at best precarious when an uneasy peace pertains on the border. Now that battles are raging, their lives are in constant danger from shelling, mines and bullets.

While we must accept that protracted negotiations will be necessary before a settlement is reached in Kampuchea, there is one improvement which humanitarian organizations can and must achieve immediately, in spite of any political objections.

Some Cambodian civilians, both in camps in Thailand and on the border, would wish to return to their home villages in Cambodia, if only a safe route could be found. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has been trying to identify such a route for over two years, but has been unable to reach agreement with the political authorities involved. In view of the constant threat to their lives, this failure to offer safe passage to their villages of origin unnecessarily perpetuates the suffering of people, many of whom are the innocent victims of conflict.

The British Refugee Council and its member agencies which have programmes in the area are willing to support the High Commissioner in his efforts to identify safe routes, make available transport and use his good offices with the Governments of Thailand and Cambodia to agree a solution to the problem. We urge the British Government to use all available diplomatic means to persuade those involved to cooperate fully in this essential humanitarian operation.

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Ill effects of lead

From Professor D. Bryce-Smith

Sir, The letter of April 6 from Miss Smith and others on the politically sensitive issue of lead pollution and mental performance in children fails in its stated objective to clarify the authors' views. Concerning their unpublished findings, they state that "Once the effect of social factors is removed from the equation, differences in performance between children with higher and lower lead levels were substantially reduced to a level that was not significant statistically."

Unfortunately, one cannot "remove" social factors in this way without simultaneously removing part of the contribution due to lead intoxication, for the reason that social factors and lead do not operate independently on the child. For example, it is well known that the toxic effects of lead can be greatly intensified by poor diet and social stress, both of which factors also tend to relate to social class etc. It therefore appears that statistical procedures have been employed which would tend to underestimate any contribution due to lead.

The authors should publish their findings in full for peer review, as soon as possible, rather than releasing them in dribs and drabs.

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Human life and post-coital pill

From Professor Glanville Williams QC, FBA

Sir, When I said in my Carpentier lectures in 1956, as Mr J. M. Finnis quotes (April 5), that "the foetus is a human life to be protected by the criminal law from the moment when the ovum is fertilised", I was stating the general opinion as to the law; but my concern was to criticise it. In fact the precise time from which the developing ovum is protected by law had not been, and still has not been, legislatively or judicially determined.

Until 1803 the common law of the royal courts took the sensible view that abortion was not punishable before quickening, i.e., about mid-term. Parliament, regrettably, removed this limitation in that year; but the statute still defined the crime as "using means with intent to procure a miscarriage;" and this remains the wording of the law. The question is what was meant by "miscarriage".

In my book based on the lectures *(The Sanctity of Life and the Criminal Law)* I quoted medical statements that the word "miscarriage" formerly applied only after the sixteenth week (Britain) or twenty-eighth week (United States), the term "abortion" being used for the period before that. It can, therefore, be argued with considerable force that when Parliament abolished the limitation for quickening in 1803 it did not mean to extend the law back to the time of fertilisation (that is, to the period to which the term "abortion" was then medically confined). Why, otherwise, did Parliament choose the word "miscarriage" instead of and to the exclusion of "abortion"? It may be suggested that all that Parliament meant to do was to dispense with the need for proof of the woman's experience of quickening, while retaining the need to prove that the foetus had reached a fairly advanced stage of development – say, four months.

The present proposal for reinterpreting the word "miscarriage" is much more modest than this. It dates from the report of an advisory group established by the British Council of Churches in 1962, which suggested that for legal purposes conception should be taken to commence with the implantation of the blastocyst in the womb, i.e., about two weeks after fertilisation. This offered a slight relaxation of the rigid ideas then prevailing; and, most important, it now offers a conceptual means of legalising not merely the useful post-coital pill but IUDs and also the "contraceptive" pill, which can work by preventing implantation rather than fertilisation. General opinion has come to realise that the consequences of any other view are too absurd for contemplation.

Mr Finnis, like other out-and-out anti-abortionists, rests his case principally upon a verbal argument. In his language and, he thinks, in common speech, a fertilised ovum is a "child", and he pleads that we must not "deprive the human being of just protection during its first two weeks of life". But is a fertilised ovum a child, and is it a human being? Of course one can use language to break down the distinction between the seed and the developed organism; one could speak of an acorn as a "quercine being", along with the oak tree; but that would not hoodwink anyone into thinking that an acorn is an oak. By "human being", in common speech, we refer to a human organism of a certain stage of development.

Historically, the extreme anti-abortion case rests upon theological speculation, which still influences it even though the theology is now discreetly relegated to the background. The fertilised ovum must be protected because the soul entered with fertilisation. But then there is the awkward phenomenon of the single ovum becoming twins, or quintuplets. Using the language of the soul, either you must say that the quins owed their origin to a fertilised ovum inhabited by five souls, or you must say that the single soul in the fertilised ovum subsequently divided into five souls.

Would it not be more sensible, from every point of view, to agree that the question must not be considered at least within the first two weeks of fertilisation?

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Deported Romanian

From Mr E. D. Towne

Sir, Whilst in no way condoning the treatment of the expelled Romanian, I must take issue with some of Prince Alexandre's more tendentious remarks in his letter (April 8).

It may be that more could have been done to help the Russian Imperial family, although no doubt the British Government of the time had to consider the effect on public opinion of any measures taken to help a family identified with autocracy and Great Russian imperialism – the more so during a war being fought for the rights of peoples.

Prince Alexandre is on shakier ground when he imputes to the British Government the responsibility for the demise of the White forces in the civil war. He must know that the divisions among the various White commanders, to say nothing of the behaviour of many White units, helped immeasurably to seal their fate.

To allege that "England has the melancholy responsibility for the initial growth and proliferation of communism today" is both to give a distorted view of the events from 1917 and to ascribe to the British Government vastly more power and influence than it enjoyed even at that time.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD TOWNE,
25 Fernbank Road,
Redland, Bristol, Avon.

From Dr Barbara K. Howells

Sir, Prince Alexandre Galitzine writes (April 8) that England's record is deplorable in its treatment of refugees. How I disagree. We were refugees from Poland coming in a coal boat in the summer of 1940. The welcome we received was warm and unquestioning.

Later, when my parents could no longer afford it, the nuns at the boarding convent I attended allowed me a free education "as a gesture to Poland" and Hampshire county granted me a major award which entirely funded 5½ years at medical school.

For one refugee, at least, the very opposite of deplorable treatment.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA K. HOWELLS,
The Forge,
Totteridge Green, N20.

Church and state

From the Reverend David F. Perryman

Sir, The letter of the Reverend R.N.W. Elbourne (April 2) concerning baptism and establishment seems to suggest that the establishment of the Church of England gives grounds for baptism of the children of all who live in our country. Neither the scriptures not our prayer books know of baptism on such grounds. Rather baptism has always been rightly adminstered on the grounds of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

If Mr Elbourne wants his first word to parents requesting baptism to be Yes (and I would not disagree with that) then his responsibility as a minister and custodian of the gospel surely demands that his second word is not *because*, but *if*. Even if their position could be justified theologically, those who claim that baptism of allcomers creates evangelistic opportunity surely have a lot of work to do to prove their case in the light of the history of the Church of England in this century.

Those criticised in his letter are perhaps being more honest than Mr Elbourne to the clear intention of the services, to the spirit of Canons B21, B22.3 and 4, and B23.2, and to baptism itself.

Yours faithfully,
D. F. PERRYMAN.
The Rectory,
Ardingly,
Haywards Heath,
West Sussex.
April 2.

Nuclear balance

From Dr Geoffrey Lee Williams

Sir, Why cannot we have the truth, asks Mr William Shepherd (April 2), about the military balance in Europe. He asserts that misleading figures are constantly quoted as to the number of men deployed on the ground in both Nato and the Warsaw Pact. His implication that Soviet military capabilities in Europe are less impressive than they appear must be challenged.

First, the existing balance of forces provides the Warsaw Pact an advantage of approximately between 1.5 to one and two to one in combat power (measured in terms of armoured division equivalent – a method that attempts to equalize difference in combat power of different types of divisions).

The pact also possesses a three to one advantage in tanks, a two to one advantage in armoured personnel carriers, at least a three to one advantage in conventional artillery, and at least a 2.4 to one advantage in tactical aircraft.

The Warsaw Pact is indubitably capable of a much faster build-up of combat power (the Soviet Union possesses a huge pool of trained reserves on which to draw). Therefore it seems to me obvious that when viewing quantitative ratios, the maximum Pact advantage would be quickly gained within several weeks after the decision to mobilize. I recognize that if the United States is permitted to achieve an unimpeded reinforcement of Nato's central region the Pact's ratio advantages will no longer increase after the first several weeks of hostilities. And yet even before such reinforcement of Nato the military situation in Europe need not become desperate.

The effect of the current Warsaw Pact lead time advantage is not in itself likely to prove decisive. If the category 1 and 2 Soviet armoured divisions in the western districts of the Soviet Union are mobilized and brought west and if the Polish category 2 divisions are mobilized, the quantitative ratios would be enhanced by about 20 per cent. The Pact advantage would then rise to approximately 2.2 to 2.4 to one, the tank ratio to roughly 3.6 to one, and the conventional artillery advantage to 3.8 to one.

Assuming that the Soviet operational requirement for offensive operations is a minimum advantage of three to one in armour, between five to one and eight to one in conventional artillery, with the same high ratios for tactical aircraft, the peak Warsaw Pact advantage does not meet operational norms. Though armour norms have been achieved Soviet analysts are palpably troubled by the effect of precision-guided anti-tank missiles on tank formations and probably with good reason.

Given the quantitative factor in the present local military balance in Europe I suggest three brief observations. First, the Warsaw Pact is not yet in a position to achieve a quick victory in Europe given the present risks of escalation. Second, Nato cannot be certain that it could defend successfully against a major conventional attack without resort to nuclear weapons. Third, the Warsaw Pact could acquire superior quantitative advantages if Nato does not follow through with its long-term defence programme (the Pershing 2 and cruise missile modernization included).

I agree with Mr Shepherd that manpower comparisons are not in fact particularly valuable and that manning levels for both sides are difficult to assess. But there is clear evidence of the dynamic change in Soviet conventional forces to which Nato has drawn attention. Today, for example, a Soviet motorized rifle division is equal in firepower to the the strongest US mechanized division. An independent tank battalion with about 42 tanks has been added to each motorized rifle division. Soviet investments in artillery, multiple rocket launcher holdings, and air defence systems are most marked. Today's 31 Soviet divisions in the groups of Soviet forces are equivalent to at least 40 "1966-equipped" divisions.

Mr Shepherd cannot deny that the Soviet conventional force build-up in central Europe has been consistent with their docrine, which dramatizes the advantages of surprise, mass concentrated firepower and shock to smash through Nato's defences and rapid movement to exploit the breakthroughs. He might be right to credit the Soviets with non-aggressive intentions, but their capabilities tell us to be sceptical.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY LEE WILLIAMS,
13 Devon Bank,
Portsmouth Road,
Guildford,
Surrey.
April 4.

Hard hearts and Third World

From Mr Hallam Murray

Sir, It saddens me greatly to read Peter Bauer and Basil Yamey's article ("Why we should close our purse to the Third World", April 11). How extraordinary that two such eminent professors should take such a black and white view of this complex issue.

Government-to-government aid is just one aspect of international aid. Although the sums of money are large indeed, the two professors make no mention whatsoever of the value of the countless thousands of programmes financed by the independent aid organizations situated throughout most of the developed world. By and large, the aid programmes run by these organizations are less troubled by government interference and are more easily monitored in terms of cost-effectiveness.

Whether or not it is correct to assume that aid cannot significantly promote Third World development, surely such areas as disaster relief and the provision of fresh water supplies are reasons enough not to close our purses, whether national or private. What is needed is a more careful control of where and on what this money is spent.

Yours faithfully,
HALLAM MURRAY,
97 Shuttleworth Road, SW11.
April 11.

Design for living

From Professor Bruce Archer

Sir, My former colleague, Mr Brian P. Smith, should not be allowed to get away scot-free with his outrageous comments (April 8) on the role of the art colleges in design education. In asserting that design should be got out of the art schools, Mr Smith iterates two widely held misconceptions, about which he should know better, and then jumps to an unwarrantable conclusion.

Firstly he asks the rhetorical question, "Where can most young people study design except at colleges of art-and-design?" He implies that the answer is "nowhere", but this is not the case. Design is also studied in schools of architecture, engineering and everywhere that the configuration of things and systems is a matter of concern. Design is a ubiquitous concept, like literacy, numeracy and scientific awareness. This has been the whole point of the correspondence which Mr Smith admits he was late in noticing.

Secondly, he states that manufacturing industries suspect the products of the schools of art and design. Whatever he may mean by this sweeping generalisation, it is manifestly not the case that the relevant industries fail to take graduates of the art schools into their employ.

Indeed, there can be few departments of universities and polytechnics whose records of take-up into industrial employment could outshine those of most of the design departments of most of the colleges of art in Britain. To imply anything else flies in the face of the facts.

From these two shaky premises, Mr Smith goes on to conclude that "the way to achieve better recognition of design as a value-adding resource is to get it out of the art colleges". What on earth can he mean? Where else, as he himself said, could graphic designers, illustrators, textile designers, fashion designers, silversmiths and the rest – all indispensable contributors to the added value of their respective industries – get their training?

Mr Smith would have done better to have supported the campaign to get better recognition of design in the engineering and business schools, and in general education, than to knock the art schools.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE ARCHER,
Royal College of Art,
Kensington Gore, SW7.
April 10.

Sea fever

From Mr S. C. J. Palmer

Sir, David Moss (April 7) seems concerned about the apparently high leave allowances of merchant seamen: one day's leave for every two day's work in the case of deep-sea mariners.

If Mr Moss were to consider his own leave entitlement he would not find those of the seamen so peculiar. Assuming that the average shore-based employee works a five-day week and receives four weeks' holiday plus eight Bank holidays, I calculate that in a year he actually works 233 days, which is, in fact, more than one day off for every two days at work.

In addition, some of the merchant seamens' workdays are at weekends; ashore it is usual to give time off in lieu in a greater proportion than one for one for work on these days.

Perhaps the National Union of Seamen had a case?

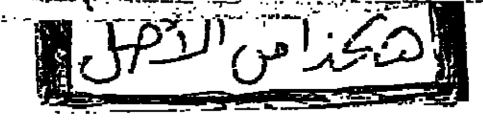
Yours faithfully,
S. C. J. PALMER,
206 Maritime House,
Old Town,
Clapham SW4.
April 8.

Taking 'The Times'

From Mr Michael Fiorini

Sir, I can sympathise with Mr Stephen West, (March 28). Some years ago, at Victoria Station, there was a poster advertising the fact that "75 per cent of top people took *The Times*". Under this dubious statement was added: "The other 25 per cent pay for it", by an earlier sufferer.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FIORINI,
c/o 6 St Paul's Square,
Bromley,
Kent.
March 28





COURT AND SOCIAL

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 12: The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, His Excellency the Jordanian Ambassador and Mr Izziddin, the Lord Rayner, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Mrs Walker, Sir Anthony and Lady Parsons, Dame Cicely Saunders and Professor Marian Bohusz-Szyszko, Dr and Mrs Peter Froggatt and Dr and Mrs Patrick Nuttgens have arrived at Windsor Castle.
His Excellency Mr Ibrahim Izziddin and Mrs Izziddin were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Court of St James's.
The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the Bomber Command Museum at Royal Air Force Hendon.
Lady Elizabeth Basset, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain the Hon Jeremy Stopford were in attendance.
Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 12: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, this morning installed The Viscount of Arbuthnott as Prior of The Order of St John of Scotland at the Church of St Andrew and St George, Edinburgh. Afterwards to mark the occasion His Royal Highness was present at a Luncheon at the George Hotel, George Street.
His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 12: The Duchess of Kent today opened The Dr Jan de Winter Clinic for Cancer Prevention Advice and later visited the Copper Cliff Hospice in Brighton, Sussex.
Her Royal Highness, who travelled in and aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

Queen Marie Jose is unable to attend the Requiem Mass for King Umberto owing to illness.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Bristol greatly regret not being able to attend the funeral service for King Umberto because of communications difficulties.

A memorial service for F Richard Poskitt will be held in the Great Hall of Bolton School, Boys Division, on Saturday, April 23, 1983, at 3.00 pm.

Luncheon

Institute of Energy
The annual luncheon of the Institute of Energy was held at the Inn on the Park yesterday. The principal guest and speaker was Sir Walter Marshall, Chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board. Professor Alan Williams, President, was in the chair.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday. The guests were:
Mr John Morris, QC, MP, and Mrs Morris, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, and Mrs Anderson, Mr John Stradling Thomas, MP; HM Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan and Mrs Douglas Badham, HM Lieutenant of West Glamorgan; the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport, the Mayor and Mayoress of Ogwr, the Mayor and Mayoress of Torfaen, the Chairman of Gwent County Council and Mrs R G Owen, the Chairman of Rhymney Valley District Council and Mrs Harry Andrews, the Mayoress of Swansea, Sir Alun Talfan Davies, QC, and Lady Davies, Mr and Mrs Derek Drescher, Mrs Dianne Dyer, Mr and Mrs Hugh Faulkner, Cllr Mrs S E A James, Dr and Mrs Peter Johns, Cllr Mrs M L Lee, Professor Edward Levinson, Chief Constable and Mrs J Over and Mr T Roberts.

HM Government
Mr Peter Rees, QC, Minister for Trade, was host at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House, in honour of Dr Deofin Yugarte Centurión, Paraguayan Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Blacksmiths' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sherriffs and their ladies, were present at a dinner given by the Blacksmiths' Company at Mansion House last night. Mr J C G Wegerif, Prime Warden, accompanied by Mrs Wegerif, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr Ralph Gabriel, Sir Desmond Heap and the Master of the Cutlers' Company. Those present included Lord Renton, QC, and Lady Renton, Lady Heap, Commander Christopher Wreford-Brown and Wing Commander and Mrs Peter Squires.

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
A dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 was held at the Porter Tun Room yesterday to commemorate the part played by the Royal Navy in the Boer War. Captain J G Wells presided and the guest of the club was the Hon William Douglas-Home.

Royal Thames Yacht Club
The fitting out dinner of the Royal Thames Yacht Club took place at 60 Knightsbridge yesterday. Mr John C Foot, vice-commodore, presided. Among the members with their ladies and guests were flag officers from the Royal Ocean Racing Club, the Royal Yacht Squadron, the Royal London Yacht Club, the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, the Royal Southern Yacht Club, the Island Sailing Club, the Royal Western Yacht Club, Lloyds Yacht Club and the Household Division Yacht Club.

Barbers' Company
The Barbers' Company held a dinner last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. The principal guest and speaker was the Chargé d'Affaires of China. The Master, Mr W G Cross, presided and the other speaker was Mr R J Pincham.

Royal Television Society
Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, was the guest of honour and principal guest speaker at a dinner given by the Royal Television Society at the Arts Club yesterday. The guests were received by Mr R B Henderson, chairman of council of the society.

Birthdays today

Mr Samuel Beckett, 77; Mr John Braine, 61; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, 70; the Right Rev R N Coote, 68; Mr Liam Cosgrave, 63; Mr Beverley Cross, 52; Professor Gordon Donaldson, 70; Mr Edward Fox, 46; Professor A H Halsey, 60; Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris, 91; Mr Graham Hutton, 79; Lord James of Rusholme, 74; Mr Godfrey Kenton, 81; the Right Rev D G Loveday, 87; the Duke of Marlborough, 57; Mr Jonjo O'Neill, 31; Miss Margaret Price, 42; Sir Stephen Roberts, 68; Sir Derek Walker-Smith, QC, MP, 73; Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, 56; Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, 62; Major-General Sir John Winterton, 85.

£5,000 Bond winners

The £5,000 winners in the April Premium Bonds draw were:

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9AW 946166	20RF 023668
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22AL 983188	23VS 428576
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7FZ 876816	12WN 255517
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6JN 824768	8XB 509863
8KS 747706	9XW 568075
16KN 249156	14XW 079620
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7MF 427088	12ZK 438928
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Requiem Mass

Archbishop H E Cardinale
The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe at a Requiem Mass for Archbishop Hyginus Eugene Cardinale celebrated in Westminster Cathedral yesterday. The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster presided and the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio concelebrated with members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales. The Bishop of Leeds gave an address.
The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Mr R P Osborne.

Latest wills

Miss Violet Murray-Menzies, of Plympton, Devon, left estate valued at £158,760 net. She left all of her property to the Order of St Augustine at St Peter's Convent, Plympton.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Babbs, Mr James Ernest, of Hampton, London, quantity surveyor £214,565
Clark, Mr Arthur John, of Chilworth, Hampshire £272,491
Cromie, Mr Bernard Patrick, of Emsworth, Hampshire £223,700

Purcell School

The Purcell School, Harrow on the Hill, is pleased to announce that the six Government-aided scholarships this year have been awarded to the following candidates, who will take up their places in September, 1983:
Imogen Burchett, 13, (violin, viola and piano), from Basingstoke, Hampshire; Yvonne Buttifant, 11, (piano and harp), Solihull, West Midlands; Joy Hawley, 16, ('cello and piano), Barnsley, Yorkshire; Emma Martin, 9, (violin and piano), London NW6; Colette Quinn, 16, (violin and piano), Letchworth, Hertfordshire; Juliet Welchman, 16, ('cello and piano), Milton Keynes.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Dr W A D Griffiths to be honorary consultant in dermatology to Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich, from April 1.
Mr Robert Poulton, editor of the *Northampton Chronicle & Echo*, to be executive editor (south) of *The News* and its associated weekly newspapers. He succeeds Mr Howard Fairclough.

Jane Austen's 'Mansfield Park' for sale

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Jane Austen is said to have sat writing in the summer house, formed as a Doric temple, looking down over water meadows to Godmersham Park, the home of her brother, Edward Austen Knight. The house was probably the model for Mansfield Park.

Christie's announced yesterday that they are to sell the contents of Godmersham, near Canterbury, in an epoch-making house sale that will run from June 6 to 9.

It promises to be Christie's most important house sale since the war, though it will fall short financially of Sotheby's Mentmore auction. The contents of the house are expected to fetch about £2m, with pictures and jewels sent to London for sale bringing a further £1m.

The house and 1,200 acres are being sold by Hobbs Parker, of Ashford, Kent, and offers are invited in excess of £2.5m.

Godmersham was bought in 1936 by Mr and Mrs Robert Tritton, who restored it to the 1930s ideal of what constituted eighteenth-century taste.

The furniture is superb, probably far finer than that of Edward Austen Knight. The library is well stocked with Jane Austen first editions, and the magnificent baroque plaster work of the reception room that Jane Austen would have known remains intact.

Elsie Tritton, née Richter, died earlier this year at the age of 94. She was a New Yorker who first married Sir Louis Baron, of Carreras Black Cat cigarettes, and secondly Mr Robert Tritton, who had dabbled in art dealing and interior decorating before his marriage.

She twice secured husbands of great taste and knowledge. The superb needlework and the seventeenth and early eighteenth-century furnishings reflect the taste of Sir Louis Baron. The later eighteenth-century furniture, both French and English, reflects the taste of Mr Tritton. Both tastes were apparently shared by Mrs Tritton, and there was no financial barrier to buying the best.

The house is a dream for any lover of eighteenth-century furnishings. There are fascinating pieces, small and large, on every side: mirrors, boxes, chairs, commodes, French eighteenth-century wallpaper, and even a chest of drawers from the Palace of Fontainebleau.

Twice Hugh Roberts, who has charge of Christie's furniture department, paused in front of a chair and asserted that never in his career had he seem a more perfect example. One is an English George I needlework chair, the floral petit point in bright, fresh colours.

The other is a French armchair of transitional style between Louis XV and Louis XVI, combining bold baroque design and neat classical ornament. Both are expected to fetch in the £20,000 to £30,000 range.

The most expensive offerings are likely to be an early eighteenth-century green lacquer cabinet and Brussels tapestry of about 1500 depicting a courtly betrothal. Both may fetch between £50,000 and £100,000.

In addition there are Soho tapestries, an exceptional range of antique European carpets, a set of 13 Chippendale dining chairs, an outstanding collection of Dixon embossed bird pictures, and quantities of minor delights; a gilt metal inkstand in the form of a Turk riding an elephant made in Regency times in imitation of Meissen porcelain group, mother-of-pearl dishes and ewers, and much else.

It will be a true house sale, including linen, curtains and the contents of the attics. That stretches to Mrs Tritton's superb needlework evening bags, and initialled leather containers from Asprey's for car cushions. In all, it is a memento of another era.

The fine front of Godmersham House. The wings were a later addition (Photograph: John Manning).

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Durham and Miss C. McEwen
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Lord and Lady Lambton, of Lambton Park, co Durham, and Christabel, youngest daughter of the late Mr Rory McEwen and of Mrs McEwen, of Bardrochat.

The Hon C A A Harbord-Hamond and Miss L L S Hutchinson
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Lord and Lady Suffield, of Wood Norton Grange, Dereham, Norfolk, and Lucy, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs A S Hutchinson, of Langford Grange, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Mr M. H. Lucas and Miss M. J. Down
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of the Hon Ivor and Mrs Lucas, of the British Embassy, Damascus, and Melinda Jane, younger daughter of Sir Alastair and Lady Down, of Stockleigh Pomeroy, Devon.

Mr E A Cole and Miss D J Lees
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs J A Cole, of Merstham, Surrey, and Deborah, daughter of Mr G R Lees, of Poynton, Cheshire, and of Mrs G Smith, of Peterborough.

Mr N. J. Charrington and Miss M. N. de Alcuaz
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr Jack Charrington, and Mrs Theresa Charrington, of Wheatsheaf House, Great Thurlow, Suffolk, and Michèle, younger daughter of the late Dr Luis de Alcuaz and Mrs Jeanne de Alcuaz, of San Mateo, California.

Mr M. Couchman and Miss C. M. C. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mrs P. M. Couchman, of The Old Rectory, Halstead, Kent, and the late Mr F. A. J. Couchman, and Carolyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Victor F. Roberts, of Heathcote, Childer Thornton, Cheshire.

Mr R. Devereux and Miss V. Branson
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Humphrey and Barbara Devereux, of The Red House, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Vanessa, younger daughter of Edward and Eve Branson, of Tanyard Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford, Surrey.

Mr C. P. Donkin and Miss V. J. Webber
The engagement is announced between Christopher Paul, son of Mr and Mrs R. J. Donkin, of Briarlea, Hepscott, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Victoria Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. H. S. Webber, of Nether Shatton House, Bamford, Derbyshire.

Mr G. M. Hutton and Miss K. F. Enever
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, second son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Hutton, of Poole, Dorset, and Kim, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Enever, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

Mr C. A. Palmer and Miss J. C. Rouse
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Antony Palmer, of Ebury Mews, Belgravia, London, SW1, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Colonel Adrian Rouse, of Pembroke Square, Kensington, London, W8, and Mrs F. H. Scobie, of Great Shefford, Berkshire.

Mr N G M Redcliffe and Miss E S Tillett
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs G R Redcliffe, of Loughton, Essex, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J Tillett, of Loughton, Essex.

Mr S D C Riley-Smith and Miss A J G Brown
The engagement has been announced between Sebastian, son of the late Mr Douglas Riley-Smith and of Mrs Riley-Smith, of Brewhurst, Loxwood, Sussex, and Amanda, daughter of Mr Anthony Cave Brown, of Washington, DC, and Mrs Caroline Brown, of Queen Anne Cottage, Hilcot, Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Mr R W Simpson and Miss S F Gorry
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs W A Simpson, of Fetcham, Surrey, and Siobhán Frances, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D A Gorry, of Langley Vale, Surrey.

Mr J. A. Stephens and Miss P. C. Macaulay
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs P. F. Stephens, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. R. V. Macaulay, of Chew Magna, Avon.

Mr S. A. E. Whewell and Miss C. E. Scoones
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late David and Iris Whewell, of Halsway Manor, Crowcombe, Somerset, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Scoones, of The Old Rectory, Magdalen Laver, Essex.

Marriages

Mr D Anderson and Miss C Robertson
The marriage took place in London on Saturday, April 9th, of Mr David Anderson and Miss Clare Robertson.

Captain P Chisholm-Lilley and Mrs P G W Hill
The marriage took place quietly in London on April 6th, 1983, between Captain Patrick Chisholm-Lilley and Mrs Paddy Hill (née Gladden).

Mr D C Collard and Miss L M T Smart
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, 1983, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1, between Mr David Collard, son of Lieutenant-Commander E A J Collard, RN, and Mrs Collard, of The Crofts, Baldrine, Isle of Man, and Miss Lidia Smart, daughter of Mr and Mrs A W C Smart, of 11 Chapel Street, Belgravia, London, SW1. Dom Anthony Sutch, of Downside, officiated.
A reception was held at the Royal Automobile Club.

Mr G. E. de B. Devereux and Miss B. Accousti
The marriage took place quietly in Devon last December of Mr Godfrey Edmund de Bohun Devereux, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. H. B. Devereux, of Red House, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Miss Barbara Accousti, younger daughter of Mrs Rose Accousti, of Connecticut, United States, and the late Mr Accousti.

Mr A L Melvin and Mrs A Terry
The marriage took place on April 7 in Epsom between Mr Andrew Melvin and Mrs Allison Terry (née Armour).

Dr R. A. Perry and Miss C. R. Fleming
The marriage took place on Thursday, April 7, in Sheffield between Dr Raphael Adam Perry and Miss Caroline Ruth Fleming. A reception was held at Hassop Hall, Derbyshire.

Mr D. J. Talbot and Miss M. M. Cameron
The marriage took place on April 9 at Greyfriar's Kirk, Edinburgh, between Mr David John Talbot, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J. Talbot, of Smeeth, Kent, and Miss Margret Manson Cameron, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. G. M. Cameron, of Dunfermline, Fife.
The bride was attended by Elspeth Cameron, Rhoda Stoddart, Demelza Hugh-Jones and Morwena Banham. Mr Anthony Talbot was best man.

Brave old world of monarchy

By Philip Howard

What do we expect from a monarch? Well, I suppose she should embody the law but respect it. She should represent religion, and perhaps even, according to her pedigree in *The Anglo Saxon Chronicle*, be descended from a god. She should be rich, and display her riches, so as to provide pretty pictures for the newspapers.

The Classical Association considered those puzzling questions about the purpose of monarchy at its annual meeting, which opened at Nottingham University last night.

Professor F W Walbank, of Liverpool University, was explaining what made a Hellenistic king. But much of what he said had contemporary echoes and resonances for monarchs more than 20 centuries later.

Monarchy is a rum as well as an engaging institution. Classical Greeks thought of monarchy as a remote and primitive thing, characteristic of slavish barbarians. The Macedonian Empire brought monarchy to Greece, and after Alexander, during the Hellenistic period, it spread everywhere like goldenrod or yellow-weed.

Professor Walbank combed the texts and inscriptions for recipes for monarchy. The king, or queen, must be victorious; but even more she must be the preserver of her subjects. He is brave. He champions Greek civilization, and dispenses justice.

One by one the Hellenistic monarchies fell to Rome, which traditionally detested kings. There is irony in the fact that the elimination of the last Hellenistic monarchy, that of Egypt, coincided with the establishment at Rome of a disguised monarchy that was to last for 500 years.

So, by way of the Roman Empire and its successors, the legacy of Hellenistic monarchy survived into medieval Europe. Indeed, elements of it are still with us in the functions and duties of our own Queen.

Royal Caledonian Ball

The Royal Caledonian Ball will be held on Monday, May 16, 1983, at Grosvenor House, London, W1. Tickets at £21.00 (including light refreshments served at midnight) are available now from the Secretary, 94 Elms Road, London, SW4 9EW. 01-622 6074.

Law Report April 13 1983 Court of Appeal

Guidance on use of skeleton arguments

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Dunn and Lord Justice Purchas, on April 12 gave a statement on behalf of the Court of Appeal for the assistance of practitioners:

The judges of the Court of Appeal had been seeking new ways in which appeals could be presented and decided more quickly and at less expense to the parties. One innovation which had proved successful in more complex appeals was the submission by counsel of what had been called "skeleton arguments".

It would be inappropriate to issue a practice direction in that context since whether skeleton arguments should be submitted, what form they should take and how they should be used would depend upon the peculiarities of the appeal concerned. However, it might assist both branches of the profession if mention was made of the result of such experience as had been had of their use.

Skeleton arguments were, as their name implied an abbreviated note of the argument and in no way usurped any part of the function of oral argument in court. They were an aide-mémoire for convenience of reference before and during the hearing and no one was inhibited from departing from their terms. Nevertheless experience showed that they served a very real purpose.

Before the appeal was called on, the judges would normally have read the notice of appeal, any respondent's notice and the judgment appealed from. The purpose of that pre-reading was not to form any view of the merits of the appeal, but to familiarize themselves with the issues and scope of the dispute and thereby avoid the necessity for a lengthy, or often any, opening of the appeal.

That process was assisted by the provision of skeleton arguments which were much more informative than a notice of appeal or a respondent's notice, being fuller and more recently prepared. During the hearing of the appeal itself, skeleton arguments enabled much time to be saved because they reduced or obviated the need for the judges to take a longhand note, sometimes at dictation speed, of the submissions and authorities and other documents referred to. Furthermore, in some circumstances, a skeleton argument could do double duty not only as a note for the judges but also as a note from which counsel would argue the appeal.

The usual procedure was for the skeleton argument to be prepared shortly before the hearing of the appeal at the same time as counsel was getting it up. It should contain a numbered list of the points which counsel proposed to argue, stated in no more than one or two sentences, the object being to identify each point, not to argue it or to elaborate upon it.

Each listed point should be followed by full references to the material to which counsel would refer in support of it, that is, the relevant pages or passages in authorities, bundles of documents, affidavits, transcripts and the judgment under appeal.

It should also contain anything which counsel would expect to be taken down by the court during the hearing, such as propositions of law, chronologies of events, lists of *dramatis personae*, and, where necessary, glossaries of terms. If more convenient, those could of course be annexed to the skeleton argument rather than being included in it.

Both the court and opposing counsel could then work on the material without writing it down, thus saving considerable time and labour.

The document should be sent to the court as soon as convenient before the hearing, or – if for some reason that was not possible – handed in when counsel rose to address the court. It was however more valuable if provided to the court in advance. A copy should of course at the same time be sent or handed to counsel on the other side.

It could not be over-emphasized that skeleton arguments were not formal documents to the terms of which anyone would be held. They were simply a tool to be used in the interests of greater efficiency. Experience showed that they could be a valuable tool. The judges of the court all hoped that it would be possible to refine and extend their use.

Finally, even in simple appeals where skeleton arguments might be unnecessary, counsel should provide notes (preferably typed) of any material such as had been mentioned which would otherwise have to be taken down by the court more or less at dictation speed, thereby saving considerable time and labour.

No documents no appeal

Lodgment of documents
Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Dunn, on April 12, dismissed a number of appeals for failure to comply with the strict requirements of Order 59, rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, as amended, regarding the lodgment of documents by the appellant "not more than seven days after the appeal first appears in . . . the List of Forthcoming Appeals" with the registrar. Liberty to apply was given in all cases.

OBITUARY

DOLORES del RIO

Mexican Hollywood beauty



Dolores del Rio, a strikingly beautiful film actress of her day, whose long career began in the silent era, has died at the age of 77.

She was born in Durango, Mexico, in August, 1905, the daughter of a wealthy banker, and a second cousin of Ramon Navarro. Educated in a convent, she was married at 16 to a writer, Jaime del Rio. Her start in films came through the director, Edwin Carewe, who spotted her during a visit to Mexico City, and took her back to Hollywood to appear in *Joanna* in 1925.

Though she had a limited range as an actress, her looks – dark eyes, black hair framing an oval face – more than compensated and she starred in a succession of popular silent films. They included *What Price Glory?*, *The Loves of Carmen*, *Resurrection*, and *Ramona*, and her parts were often chosen to exploit her exotic Latin qualities.

In 1930, after the death of her husband, she married the MGM art director, Cedric Gibbons. She tended to suffer from typecasting during the early years of the sound cinema, and her films were generally less distinguished, though she continued to work in Hollywood until 1942, when she made *Journey into Fear* with Orson Welles.

Back in Mexico, she appeared in a series of films with Pedro Armendariz, which suggested a deeper talent; and became one of that country's best-known and highest paid actresses, on stage, as well as on the screen. She returned briefly to the international cinema in 1947 when John Ford made *The Fugitive* (from Graham Greene's novel, *The Power and the Glory*) on location in Mexico, and cast her as the Mary Magdalene figure who befriends the whisky priest.

It was not until 1960, that she made another film in Hollywood, *Flaming Star*, with Elvis Presley. From time to time, she appeared in other American films, including Ford's *Cheyenne Autumn*, and took parts in occasional television shows. But most of her films continued to be made in Mexico, where she lived with her third husband, Lewis Riley, an American impresario, whom she married in 1959.

MR IVOR KING

Mr Ivor King, CB, CBE, who has died at his home in Bath at the age of 83, was one of the most distinguished Naval Constructors of his generation and was Director of Dockyards, Admiralty, from 1958 to 1961.

His career began as an apprentice in HM Dockyard, Pembroke, where, as a result of his performance, he was selected for training as a Constructor. He graduated in Naval Architecture from The RN College, Greenwich, in 1922.

As a young man he served in the destroyer design section, later becoming Constructor in charge of Bermuda Dockyard, where he reduced his golf handicap to single figures. Returning to the Admiralty, King was the designer of the Bittern class of sloop, prototype of many successful ships of the Second World War.

During the war King served at Dockyard headquarters and as an overseer before joining Admiral Cunningham's staff as a Constructor Captain for the invasion of North Africa. His work was arduous and exciting, including emergency repairs to the cruiser Ajax which had been bombed at Bone and was still under attack. Later, he moved up Italy with the Army, restoring ports and patching up damaged ships. He was appointed CBE for these wartime services.

After the war King's career continued in Dockyard management, first at Sheerness, then Malta and Portsmouth. His record of being the Constructor Manager of four dockyards is unequalled. He realized that the old organization of the Royal Dockyards, which had served the Navy so well over the years, needed change and when he became Deputy Director of Dockyards in 1956, under Admiral Hubback, he began a fundamental reorganization. Instead of the old division between professions, he set up a functional management structure which has lasted to this day. He retired in 1961, in which year he was appointed CB, remaining active in his work for the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, of which he became Vice President in 1971.

Ivor King took great care to involve his staff and gain their support in the changes which he introduced while at the same time ensuring that he got his way. His nickname of "Ivor the Driver" was well earned as was the respect and affection in which he was held both by his colleagues and his staff due to his unfailing courtesy.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and three daughters.

MR CHARLES HICKMAN

Charles Hickman the actor and director, who has died aged 78, acted for his first 20 years in the theatre, but moved to direction as one of the busiest practioners.

Performing, he had an easy manner and a quick period sense in parts between Shakespeare and light comedy, revue, and pantomine; experience of particular value. Harcourt Williams said of Hickman's 1932 audition at the Old Vic: "He did the Richmond address to his soldiers from *Richard III* with such freshness that we engaged him on the spot." During the ensuing season he was, among much else, the Steward in *The Winter's Tale*, a tiny part glorified, and Charles in *The School for Scandal* (wisely, he did not try to score laughs at the end of the Screen Scene). His last acting work was Osric in *Hamlet* at The New (1944).

Born at Snaresbrook, Essex, on January 18 1905, and educated at RADA he begun modestly in Lonsdale's *Aren't We All?* (Globe, 1923). His first real West End chance was Gerald in Drinkwater's *Bird in Hand* at the Old Royalty, followed by New York and an American tour. After the Vic-Wells, his best part was Rudolf in *Elizabeth of Austria* (1938).

Soon he would concentrate on direction, treating his companies with tact and finesse. Beginning with repertory, he moved through an impressive list, including all the *Sweet and Low* revues at the Ambassadors from 1943; such musicals as *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Love from Judy*, and the *Water Gipsies*; such wrongly unlucky plays as *Call Home the Heart* and *Breach of Marriage*; and several long-running comedies and dramas, among them *Black Chiffon* and *Bonaventure* (both 1949) and *The Bride and the Bachelor*. In 1960, he directed in Australia.

Later, among his London productions over a long period from 1965 were a revival of *The Circle*; and Ayckbourn's *Relative Values* and William Douglas-Home's *The Dame Of Sark*.

DOLF RIESER

Dolf Rieser, the painter and engraver who died on April 4, was born in South Africa in 1898 of German Jewish parents. He studied in Munich and Lausanne gaining a Doctorate in plant genetics.

His real love was kindled in the 1920s when he became a painter and later in the 1930s in Paris when he learned etching and engraving under the tutelage of Joseph Hecht. His work was much influenced by his experience of Africa, especially a study of Bushman cave painting, which became fused with surrealist currents of the time.

Dolf stood against the rise of Fascism firstly in Munich in the 1920s and then in Paris. He produced a folder of engravings and etchings along with Miro, Kandinsky, Hecht and others for the Republican cause in Spain in 1939, and another for Russia in the 1940s. He also illustrated Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* with copper plate engravings.

Dolf fled Paris the day the Nazis entered the city and made his way to England on the last boat out of Boulogne. On his arrival in London he offered his knowledge of French and German to help the Special Operations Executive.

After the war Dolf, who had met and married Barbara Dwyer at Woburn Abbey where they were both stationed, invented new techniques of colour printing and printing on translucent plastic and laminates. Dolf's line in copperplate engraving was considered to be very fine and many came to his studio in West Hampstead to learn from him.

Dolf Rieser had over 20 one-man shows and his work is exhibited in many of the world's art galleries. In his book *Art and Science* he explored the parallels and polarities of these two sides of human activity. Perhaps the best tribute to him is his work, now numbering more than 400 editions of prints, and numerous oils and watercolours.

HIS HON JUDGE COLLINSON

His Honour Judge Collinson, a Circuit Judge since 1975, died suddenly at his home in Wallasey, Wirral, on April 9. He was 59.

Richard Jeffreys Hampton Collinson was born on April 7, 1924, and educated at Heath Grammar School, Halifax and Wadham College, Oxford. From 1944 to 1946 he served in the RNVR as a sub-lieutenant. In 1950 he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple, and he subsequently practised on the Northern Ciruit.

Between 1957 and 1974 he was a Councillor, and later Alderman, on the Wallasey County Borough Council serving as Leader from 1965 to 1972.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 687.7 up 3.8
FT Gilts: 82.49 down 0.26
FT All Share: 433.66 up 5.44
Bargains: 24,304
Tring Hall USM Index: 170.7 up 0.4
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Average 8,468.63 down 6.56
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,052.40 up 10.54
New York: Dow Jones Average (latest) 1,140.87 down 0.96

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.5415 up 1.45 cents
Index 82.0 up 0.4
DM 3.7375
FrF 11.1950
Yen 366.50
Dollar
Index 122.1 up 0.1
DM 2.4235
Gold
$432.25 up $2.25
NEW YORK LATEST
Gold $432.10
Sterling $1.5353

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rates 10½
3 month interbank 10¼-10⅛
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9⅛-9¼
3 month DM 5-4⅞
3 month FrF 13⅝-13⅜
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period March 2 to April 5, 1983 inclusive: 10.974 per cent.

PRICE CHANGES

Johnston 330p, up 34p
Peko Wallsend 360p, up 30p
Elsburg Gold 293p, up 21p
Milford Docks 75p, up 20p
Mercantile Hse 845p, up 20p
Can O'seas Pack 310p, up 20p
Acrow 'A' 18p, down 1p
Atlantic Met 89p, down 9p
Davy Corp 68p, down 4p
GKN 162p, down 16p
Johnson & FB 8p, down ½p
Steel Bros 315p, down 25p

TODAY

Interims: Kalamazoo, Portland
Finals: Astbury and Madeley (Hldgs), British Mohair Spinners, Burmah Oil, I J Dewhirst, Empire Stores (Bradford), Gill and Duffus, James Finlay, Hewden/Stuart Plant, Higgs and Hill, Huntleigh, Oil and Gas Production, Oilfield Inspection Services, Pearl Assurance, Rockware, Royal Worcester, Williams Sindall, George Spencer.
Economic statistics: Central Government transactions (incl borrowing requirement) (March).

BTR offer next week

BTR's formal offer document for its massive but unwanted bid for Thomas Tilling is expected early next week soon after Tilling produces its report and accounts for last year, written before the bid materialized.

Tilling's defence document, expected to include good figures for the present year, is not likely to appear until near the end of the three-week period to the first closing date which follows the formal bid.

Tilling intends to fight hard all along the way. It will not let BTR have the share register until the last possible moment – Friday – and will have to address each one individually.

● ZERO GROWTH: Latin America's economic growth this year is likely to be zero, but could rise to between 4 and 6 per cent again by 1985, the World Bank says in its latest economic forecast for the region. But president Mr A W "Tom" Clausen said that the Bank had been restrained in its help for the poorest countries because of "wavering" US support.

● REBASING: The official national accounts statistics are to be rebased on 1980 = 100 this year instead of 1975 = 100 as they are now, the Central Statistical Office said yesterday.

● HARRODS DATE: Shareholders of House of Fraser will decide on Friday, May 6 on the board's resolution over whether Harrods should be demerged from the rest of the department stores group. A document containing the arguments of the majority of the board on why it should not be seperated was due to be dispatched to shareholders yesterday but was delayed by a technical hitch at the printers.

Dow dips after passing record

New York, (Reuter) – Stock prices turned mixed in morning trading yesterday as investors took profits after the Dow Jones Industrial average passed its record closing high.

The Dow rose 4.55 points in the first hour of trading to 1146.38, surpassing its high close of 1145.90 set on March 24. It then slipped and by mid-morning was three points lower at about 1138.50.

Advances continued to lead declines by a ratio of seven to six.

Analysts said the market continued to find support from a decline in interest rates. The key Federal funds rate, on overnight loans between banks, opened at 8½ per cent yesterday morning, down from Monday's close of 8¾ per cent. Fed funds were above 9 per cent all last week.

Technology stocks, Monday's market leaders, were among the morning's losers, including IBM off ⅝ to 106, Digital Equipment 1⅛ to 119¼, NCR 1⅝ to 106 and Honeywell 1¼ to 91¼.

Phillips Petroleum was down ⅛ 34⅞, Great Northern Nekoosa was up ⅜ at 43⅞, Georgia Pacific was unchanged at 25½.

Fed calls for lower deficits

From Bailey Morris Washington

Interest rates are too high to sustain a long-term recovery, but should not prevent a short-term upturn in the American economy, according to Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr Volcker, told the House Banking Committee: "If the inflation outlook is as good as I think it is, then interest rates are higher now than they should be and too high to sustain a recovery in the long term."

The way to tackle the problem was to reduce soaring Federal budget deficits Mr Volcker said.

Financial markets had to be convinced that Federal deficits would be lowered and the fight against inflation would be continued before rates would move appreciably lower he said.

In addition, banks should take steps to lower rates by erring "On the hopeful side, where rates are concerned."

"I'd be on the hope side and if I saw an opportunity to help my financial institution by being on the leading edge of interest rate cuts, I'd take it," Mr Volcker said in what was regarded as a warning to banks.

Over the short term, however, Mr Volcker was more hopeful, explaining that the central bank continued to expect a moderate recovery this year of growth in the 3.5 to 4 per cent range.

It is possible that growth will be even stronger in the short run if the inflation rate continues to drop below expected levels and consumer spending picks up.

Because the short-term outlook appeared good, Mr Volcker indicated that the Central Bank would stay with its present monetary policies which have allowed more flexibly money growth which only recently appeared to be under control by the central bank.

Mr Volcker gave no hint of whether the Fed had tightened credit or intended to do so in the future, saying that he expected recent bursts in the money supply to slow down in the months ahead due to natural market corrections.

He said the Central Bank had continued its policy of putting less emphasis on growth in the M1 money supple but added that prolonged vigorous growth in this kep indicator "would be cause for concern".

Mr Volcker also stated strong opposition to Congressional efforts to influence the policies of the Central Bank by requiring it to state specifically its employment and growth objectives on a year-by-year basis.

Sir Jeremy Morse's radical plan to change financial system

Bank chairman seeks greater role for IMF and World Bank

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank and an internationally respected bankers, has drawn up a five-point programme for a new world economic order in advance of the Williamsburg summit next month.

Sir Jeremy said at the Insitute of Fiscal Studies in London, last night that it was both possible and desirable to improve the pattern of world finance, but gave a warning that attempts to return to a more structured system would be abortive and damaging.

He called for radical but gradual changes in the system to foster worldwide economic growth and promote free trade through greater international cooperation;

● There should be a bigger role for official international agencies such as the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in channelling internaional capital flows, with commercial banks playing a smaller role and private investment stepped up.

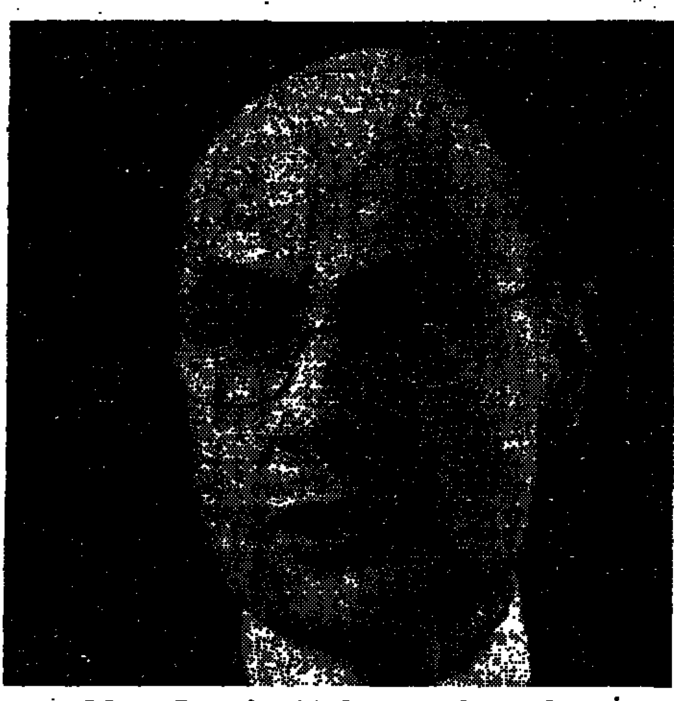
He said that the IMF should borrow on the Euromarket and the World Bank should provide guarantees and political risk insurance for poorer countries to allow them to raise bond issues. However, he rejected proposals for a wholesale restructuring of the existing debt burden with some new government agency taking the debt off banks' books

● There should be a gradual move towards fixed exchange rates either by merging currencies into blocks such as the European Monetary System or by general adoption of target zones.

A return to a system of par values would have to be taken slowly because of the huge flows of hot money. It would be helped by closer coordination of interest rate and economic policies and the United States would have to take a lead.

● Special drawing rights should be extended to gradually take the place of currency reserves and other reserve assets in order to bring greater control and management to international liquidity and help prevent inflation recurring.

● The IMF Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Bank for International Settlements, the World Bank and development banks should cooperate more closely, without losing their incentives.



Morse: five-point plan for economic growth.

This would be easier than forming a new institution to act as world monetary authority, which would be needed to lend authority and discipline at the core of the system.

● *There should be changes in* the rigid division of countries into developed and developing in order to recognize more varied interests and wealth-creating *ability*.

Sir Jeremy was addressing the issues of whether a new Bretton Woods conference was needed to help solve the world economic crisis.

He stressed that his proposals did not mean trying to recreate the Bretton Woods system, which was born out of a wartime economic environment. Nor would any restructuring on the scale of Bretton Woods be possible unless the battle against inflation was won.

Sir Jeremy said it was premature to claim the battle against inflation was over, but said: "There is a respectable chance that, after a pause in 1983 and 1984 to allow debtors and creditors to catch their breath, inflation might be pushed down again even further to the point where it no longer accelerates, where governments would still have to watch it as a man watches his weight, but where the great inflation of the late twentieth century would be over."

The universal framework of Bretton Woods should be retained but it would be good to bring in the Soicialist countries as members of the monetary institutions, providing acceptable voting shares could be worked out. Most are already members of the General Agreement on *Tariffs* and Trade.

City Comment

Ransoming Reagan's good works

Political horse-trading is rarely an edifying sight, but at the *moment the United Stated* Congress, where the art had appeared to have reached its highest state, is surpassing even itself.

The Senate banking committee is blatantly ransoming its endorsement of increased American International Monetary Fund quotas for support by the Administration for tighter regulation of foreign lending by American banks.

This is an unprincipled tactic. It is important that the quota increase, to which the Administration has already given its agreement as the biggest shareholder in the IMF, goes through as soon as possible.

The faster national legislatures ratify the quota increase agreed in February, under the chairmanship of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the better equipped the IMF will be to prevent the debt crisis erupting again, with all the attendent risk of suffering.

What makes the Senate's behaviour especially distastful is that the $8,500m (£5,666m) *American quota increase is* no charge on the budget. A quota is a credit line, not a cash commitment. It costs the sensitive American taxpayer nothing to reduce the risk of international financial crisis.

It does not follow that there is no case for more control over banks' foreign lending. By puting up their own proposals, federal banking regulators appear to have accepted the need, or at least the political necessity for a tougher regime. But IMF quotas are not bargaining counters.

● RETAIL MOVE: A new organization, the British Retailers Association, representing the interests of the United Kingdom department stores and multiple retailers has been formed as a result of the merger of the British Multiple Retailers Association and the Association of Retail Distributors.

GKN Share price (Source DATASTREAM): 180, 160, 140, 120, 100; APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR

Profit/loss before taxation (Source GKN 1982), £m: 1978 109.7; 1979 125.8; 1980 1.2; 1981 36.6; 1982 40.8

GKN launches £77m rights issue

By Andrew Cornelius

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds, Britain's largest engineering group, is launching a £77.2m rights issue in a an attempt to ease group borrowings which have now reached £425m.

Shareholders will be asked to approve the issue of 55,211,521 shares on a one for three basis at 145p each, at an extraordinary meeting on April 29. Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chairman, has said that the proceeds of the rights issue will be used to rebuild the group's capital base, and to enable the group to react positively when market conditions improve. The company said there are no plans to use the funds for acquisitions.

The GKN balance sheet has taken a battering over the past three years, after heavy rationalization which has seen the number of employees cut by 32,000 at the end of 1979 to 37,000 today. This has meant £178m in extraordinary costs over the period, on top of the £100m a year invested on plant and equipment.

Pressure on GKN to arrange a fresh injection of funding has *intensified* over the last three months, when borrowings have soared by £50m largely because of the weakening of the pound against the West German Deutschmark. Shareholders will be given details of the increase in borrowings since preliminary results for 1982 were announced last month, in a letter to be sent out tomorrow explaining the reasons for the rights issue.

GKN said yesterday that up to £30m of the increase in borrowings could be explained by a cyclical fluctuation in the amount of funds borrowed at any one time. A further £14m is accounted for by the currency changes which affect GKN's *British businesses* alone.

In the City the announcement of the rights issue knocked 16p from the GKN share price, that gives the company a market capitalization of £267m.

Analysts were concerned that Sir Trevor declined to produce a profit forecast for the year. Shareholders have been referred instead to his comments in the GKN 1982 annual report

In the foreword, Sir Trevor said that there was evidence to support the view that the world recession has reached the bottom. But he warned that although GKN is well placed to increase profits when market conditions improve, the rebuilding process may be slow.

NEI profit leaps to £39m

By Sally White

Northern Engineering Industries, the Newcastle-based engineering contractor for power stations and other heavy capital projects, has announced a 20 per cent rise in 1982 pretax profits at £39.5m. Net orders in hand now total a record *£1,485m, against £1,100m this* time last year.

The one piece of bad news in the figures for the year is the £4.1m loss at Extel Corporation which, has suffered from deregulation in the United States telecommunications business.

But staff there has since been cut by 40 per cent, and the company is about to launch a new range of communication terminals and message switching devices, which it hopes will *lead to a trading improvement* in the second half of 1983.

Capital spending last year was £39m and is likely to be nearer £30m this year.

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Talbot making operating profit

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Talbot UK, the car manufacturer owned by Peugeot of France but once part of Chrysler and before that the Rootes Group, has started this year to make a net profit for the first time in almost a decade.

Mr George Turnbull, the chairman and a former BL managing director, said yesterday that the company made an operating profit of £4.9m in the second half of last year, compared with an operating loss of £30.5m in the first six months.

"This progress has been maintained in the first quarter of 1983 when we have continued to trade profitably and, because of the buoyancy of the domestic market, have recorded a small net profit."

Talbot, which was bought by Peugeot in 1979 from the American Chrysler Corporation, is basing much of its optimism on resumption of normal operations with Iran, which buys cars in kit-form from Britain. Iran is seeking delivery of 95,000 kits this year.

Talbot's 1982 results, dis*closed by the parent group last* month, show a net loss of £54.7m against the record £91m loss the previous year. There was a net loss of £14.2m in the second half on top of the fist half loss of £40.5m. Interst charges for the year were nearly £21m.

● Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Industry, yesterday launched a spirited defence of BL's overseas collaboration agreements. It was nonsense, he said, to suggest that such deals were tantamount to "selling out the British motor industry to foreign interests".

"If BL is to win market share, and it must, then it must have the best technoloy available. If *that means going* abroad, then ultimately it is in the best interests of the company, of the BL workforce, of those who supply BL and of those who supply the suppliers," he told members of the Guage and Tool Makers' Association in London.

Mr Lamont praised BL's deals with Honda of Japan which have led to the Truimph Acclaim and the new Project XX executive car.

Profit back at Brook Street

By Our Financial Staff

Brook Street Bureau
Year to 31.12.83
Trading loss £807,000 (£1.5m)
Stated loss 7.13p (10.39p)
Turnover £14.4m (£14.9m)
Net dividend 0.1p (0.1p)
Dividend payable 1.7.83

Brook Street Bureau, the largest British private employ*ment agency, should be back in* profit this year after two years of recession – induced losses.

The second half of last year saw losses reduced to £173,000, compared with the first half's loss of £633,000, to give a full-year figure of £807,000 against £1.5m the previous year.

The loss includes costs of £160,000 for branch closures, offset by Australian property sales which raised £157,000. The dividend for the year is again a nominal 0.1p.

Following last years closures – there are no more to come, – the company is trading from 95 British branches and should be making a trading profit with two or three months.

There are no borrowing and cash is £160,000 higher than a year ago. Australia, where the recession is running six to nine months behind Britain, is still trading from two branches with one mothballed, compared with with a peak of 25.

The upturn in the American economy, with one office in New York, should start to show in group results in six months.

● SWISS SETBACK: Swiss banking, emerging from a year of record and near-record profits, is less profitable than it may seem, the Swiss Banking Commission said

UDS board favours Bassishaw

By Jonathan Clare

A cliff-hanging finale is in prospect for the battle for UDS after the board of the retailing conglomerate decided yesterday to recommend the cash bid from the Bassishaw consortium, even though it is lower than the offer from Hanson Trust.

The UDS board made it clear that it had much more faith in the written assurances given by Mr Gerald Ronson, Bassishaw's chairman, than those Hanson Trust made when it first bid.

The decision, however, again split the board. Sir Robert Clark, the chairman, and Mr David Jessel opposed the Bassishaw recommendation. The other six directors favoured Bassishaw. There had been hopes of a unanimous decision.

The UDS board said that after two meetings with Hanson Trust it could get no further assurances. It also said that the assurances were similar to those Hanson gave in bidding for Berec; however, after Hanson took over Berec, a programme of disposals and closures was carried out.

The board believed that UDS, under Bassishaw, would continue as a leading British retail group. There were "specific and positive assurances" about the future of the business and employment.

Bassishaw's cash offer of 130p is 3½p lower than Hanson's cash alternative — "a relatively small amount."

Hanson has a higher share offer on the table, but UDS *shareholders have shown* a greater performance for cash.

Sir Robert and Mr Jessel said that Hanson's assurances were satisfactory and recognised the rights of employees.

Company's fight for independence could be undermined

Americans own more than 50pc of Sotheby

More than 50 per cent of the share capital of Sotheby Parke Bernet, the London-based *fine* art auctioneer at the centre of a £60m takeover battle, is now believed to be in American hands.

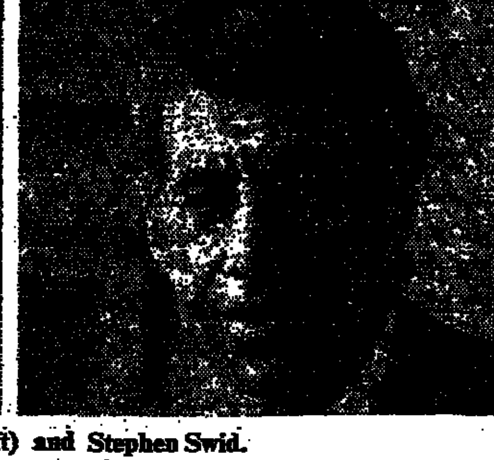
The presence of several sizable American shareholdings in the company could undermine the company's fiercely independent stance in the face of a 520p per share bid from Mr Marshall Cogan and Mr Stephen Swid, two New York financiers and art collectors.

Sotheby directors have described their bid as wholly unwelcome and 133 of the group's art experts have threatened to resign if control passes into their hands.

However, over the last six months an increasing number of shares have found their way into the hands of American investors, many looking for a fast return as speculation increased about an imminent takeover bid.

In addition to the 14 per cent stake held by the business interests of Messrs Cogan and Swid and the 6 per cent owned by Mr David Murdock, a Californian businessman, Morgan Guaranty, the New York bank, is now acting as agent for more than 30 per cent of the shares.





Marshall Cogan (left) and Stephen Swid.

These shares are being held mainly on behalf of American arbitragers who have bought into the company for speculative purposes. But Warner Communications, the leisure group, is also believed to retain a stake of up to 4 per cent.

In addition, Shaik Nassar al-Sabah, of Kuwait, who also owns a 6 per cent interest in Christies International, Sotheby's smaller but most important rival, is said to own nearly 5 per cent of the shares.

The Sotheby directors have made clear that they regard Messrs Swid and Cogan as unsuitable for association with the company. But the presence of the speculative Morgan Guaranty shareholding would suggest they would be unwise to rely on the argument as the basis of their defence.

With several substantial sales lined up for the next two months, including the Havermyer collection of impressionist paintings in New York, Sotheby is saying that this is one of the most impressive January-July seasons it has had.

City investment analysts believe that although figures for the half year to the end of February are likely to show considerable losses before tax, full-year figures to the end of August could well reveal a recovery to profits of more than £2m.

On the stock market yesterday, Sotheby shares rose 2p to 532p as dealers speculated on the possibility of Sotheby finding a rival bidder it finds more suitable.

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Lower profits dent Smiths share price

Smiths Industries
Half-year to 29.1.83
Pretax profit £9.5 (£11.2m)
Turnover £183m (£187m)
Net interim 4p (same)
Share price 411p down 11p Yield 3.8%
Dividend payable 13.5.83

A combination of pretax profits down from £11.2m to £9.5m and at the lower end of market forecasts and an unchanged interim dividend has depressed Smith's share price. The City also believes that results for the full year could be slightly down because of the dependence on North America profits.

The combined results from North America contributed more than 25 per cent of trading profits, and a slow recovery from recession could help 1984 rather than this year.

The distributive side, although better, is still depressed although margins are improving. Automotive was weak because of the fall in volume, but most of that is going into a joint company with Lucas, of which Smiths will own about 20 per cent.

Aerospace made £6.1m against £6.4m, and is expected to show little improvement compared with last year's second half. Marine turned round from a £125,000 loss to £341,000 and should now be on an upward trend. The medical companies showed a rise from £3.3m to £4.3m, with good sales in Britain and the United States, and further growth is expected.

In the industrial companies, there was a fall from £2.7m to £1.8m at the trading level and there seems little chance of improved volumes.

The Australian and South African companies had a sharp setback, with sales slightly lower at £29m, and profits down from £2m to £42,000. The drop reflected recession in both countries, but although those economies are still in the doldrums, Smiths reports improvements in trading, although it believes results will be substantially lower for the year as a whole.

Smiths says that apart from aerospace, medical and Australia and South Africa the rest of the business will find trading difficult for the rest of this year.

Forecasts of £26m or slightly less for 1983 make the prospective price earnings ration of over 16 times earnings look expensive.

Northern Engineering

Northern Engineering Industries
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit £39.5m (£33.0m)
Stated earnings 11.26p (10.34p)
Turnover £867m (£721m)
Net final dividend 3.25p mkg 4.75p (4.125p)
Share price 96p + 3p Yield 7%

NEI's workload has been good throughout last year, with work for both the Heysham II and Torness nuclear power stations.

There have been rises, too, in Reyrolle and Peebles electrical businesses which have seen a marked turn round over the last two years. As a result the British businesses have accounted for a higher proportion of pretax profits.

Operations in Britain accounted for £30m of profit but 48 per cent of orders were for export.

The South African subsidiary reported a 36 per cent rise in profits, and has a record order book.

NEI is going into 1983 with a record order book, and a positive cash flow – bank balances and deposits exceeded total borrowings by £33m.

On this basis the company has increased the dividend, and at the rate of progress shown over the last four years should be able to continue to do so.

There are no immediate plans for expansions. The next effort will be on increasing the earnings per share, with the company sensitive to criticism of the low improvement. **Pretax profits could be up at £44m this year with recovery in the United States.**

NEI
Share price
Source: DATASTREAM
100 90 80 70
APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR

Comfort Hotels International

The years figures for Comfort Hotels International are not unreasonable, given the state of the industry, but the company gearing than is warranted.

However, the sale and leaseback arrangements with Routestone have already brought in £3m, reducing borrowings to £16m. Completion of outstanding deals will soon bring on another £3m to reduce debt futher.

Plans for five new Comfort inns are well advanced and will cost Comfort only £1m: its quoted but unnamed property partner will put up the balance of £9m.

Occupancy rates last year were better then in 1981, with bookings indicating that 1983

Comfort Hotels International
Year to 20.12.83
Pretax profit £1.3m (£574,000)
Stated earnings 1.84p (0.1p)
Turnover £26.5m (24.1p)
Net dividend 0.65p (0.6p)
Share price 32p Yield 2.9%

could see an improvement of perhaps 5 per cent, only six months after a similar rise.

The return of tourists to London should benefit the hotels. Strikes restaurants and the Dayvilles ice cream parlours. Strikes is at last to get a quote on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Overseas, the losses from the Netherlands have been much reduced and profits are expected this year.

Considering Bowthorpe Holdings' disappointing interim figures, the profit for the year of £12.4m against £11.4m could have been worse. But it looks as though the electrical engineering company is still waiting for more recovery in Germany, Australia and South Africa and further improvement in the US. A stronger world economy could take profits to more than £14m this year, helped by the rights issue cash.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce

	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
High grade copper		
Cash	1082-1083	1074-1076
Three months	1112.60-1113.00	1104.00-1104.50
Standard cath (copper)		
Cash	1062-1063	1055.50-1056.50
Three months	1090-1090.50	1083.00-1084.00
Tin: cash	9152-9156	9290-9291
Three months	9130-9131	9270-9271
Lead: cash	296-297	295.00-296.00
Three months	461-461.50	457.50-458.00
Zinc: cash	446-447	442.50-443.50
Three months	756-758.0	755.00-756.00
Silver: cash	738-740.0	7237.50-738.50
Three months	756-758.0	755.00-756.00
Aluminium, cash	887.50-888.50	889.50-890.50
Three months	914.50-915.00	916.50-917.00
Nickel: cash	3166-3176	3210-3220
Three months	3255-3265	3303-3305

L.M.E. TURNOVER
Copper (higher grade): 11,300 tonnes; Standard cathodes: 450 tonnes; Tin (standard): 1,850 tonnes; Lead: 3,000 tonnes; Zinc: 2,300 tonnes; Silver: 80 lots of 10,000 ozs. each; Aluminium: 6,700 tonnes; Nickel: 1,242 tonnes.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne;
Coffee, cocoa, sugar and soyabean meal in pounds per metric ton;
Wool in N.Z. cents per kilo;
I.P.E. in U.S. per metric ton;
Gold in U.S. per oz.

RUBBER	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
May	764-786	746-760
Jne	762-790	751-760
July/Sep	766-768	758-760
Oct/Dec	780-781	772-773
Jan/Mch	797-799	790-792
Apl/Jne	816-818	810-811
July/Sept	838-840	833-835
Oct/Dec	856-862	847-857
Jan/Mch	877-882	870-876

Sales: 231 lots at 15 tonnes each.

COFFEE	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
May	1827-1828	1805-1810
July	1652-1654	1648-1650
Sep	1612-1611	1612-1613
Nov	1574-1578	1571-1575
Jan	1544-1546	1540-1549
Mch	1513-1518	1511-1520
May	1484-1498	1488-1496

Sales: 1,555 lots, including 21 options.

COCOA	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
May	1188-1189	1197-1197
Jly	1206-1207	1215-1216
Sep	1220-1221	1229-1230
Dec	1242-1244	1254-1255
Mch	1263-1264	1274-1276
May	1276-1279	1290-1295
Jly	1286-1300	1302-1310

Sales: 3,088 lots. ICCO prices: (daily (April). 80.24c; indicator price (April 12). 5-day average. 81.49c. (U.S. cents per lb).

SUGAR	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
May	121.35-121.45	119.85-119.90
Aug	130.10-130.15	128.50-128.60
Oct	137.25-137.30	135.75-135.90
Dec	142.80-142.95	141.60-141.75
March	150.75-151.25	149.75-150.00
May	155.00-155.50	153.50-154.25

Sales: 2,801 lots. The London daily price for "raws" rose £1.00 yesterday, to £109.00, while the "whites" price was unchanged at £142.00 per tonne I.S.A. prices (April 11), daily, 6.46c., 15-day average. 6.42c (U.S. cents per lb).

WOOL	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
May	405-412	405-412
Aug	426-427	424-427
Oct	430-432	428-430
Dec	437-439	434-435
Jan	439-441	536-438
March	448-449	442-445
May	457-460	452-455
Aug	468-470	461-465
Oct	476-480	471-476

Sales: 45 lots.

SOYABEAN MEAL	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
April	148.00-155.00	153.50-155.50
June	148.60-149.30	151.50-151.70
Aug	149.60-149.80	152.90-153.20
Oct	155.40-155.60	158.50-158.60
Dec	162.10-162.40	165.50-165.80
Feb	166.80-168.00	169.60-171.00
April	167.00-168.00	170.30-170.70

Sales: 95 lots, including 24 kerbs and 10 options.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
April	250.25-50.50	249.25-249.50
May	252.25-52.75	249.00-248.75
June	248.50-48.75	246.25-246.00
July	247.50-48.25	245.50-245.25
Aug	249.00-50.75	247.50-247.25
Sep	250.00-51.00	249.50-249.25
Oct	252.50-53.00	250.25-250.00
Nov	253.50-55.00	253.00-251.00
Dec	252.25-60.00	255.00-252.00

Sales: 3,922 lots of 100 tonnes each.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
April	$432.70-$431.80	430.50-429.00
May	$435.00-$434.00	433.00-432.50
June	$437.50-$437.40	435.50-435.00
July	$441.70-$440.50	439.50-438.00
Aug	$444.70-$444.00	442.50-441.50
Sept	$447.50-$447.30	446.50-445.50
Oct	$452.00-$450.00	450.00-448.00

Sales: 728 lots.

GRAIN	Barley	Wheat
May	£123.00	£136.60
July	—	£138.15
Sept	£111.50	£117.90
Nov	£114.65	£120.40
Jan	£117.75	£123.85
	Sales: 88 lots.	Sales: 219 lots

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 12:
GB: Cattle, 94.21p per kg lw (-0.45).
GB: Sheep, 209.28p per kg est d c w (-4.23).
GB: Pigs, 64.69p per kg lw (-2.31).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 7.5 per cent, ave. price, 93.38p (-1.06).
Sheep nos. down 24.5 per cent, ave. price, 207.57p (-6.12).
Pig nos. down 5.1 per cent, ave. price, 63.45p (-2.79).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 19.5 per cent, ave. price, 97.60p (+0.69).
Sheep nos. down 12.7 per cent, ave. price, 217.20p (+4.64).
Pig nos. up 5.6 per cent, ave. price, 75.64p (+1.17).

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES:

Sterling Month	Last	High	Low	Pr Set
June	15335	15340	15300	15235
Sep	15325	15325	15325	15225
Dec	—	—	—	—

Sterling deposit Month	Last	High	Low	Pr Set
June	9045	9049	9041	9040
Sep	9040	9047	9040	9040
Dec	9041	9043	9033	9035
March	9035	9035	9026	9025
June	—	—	—	9021

Long-gilts Month	Last	High	Low	Pr Set
June	10614	10718	10613	10630
Sep	10600	10630	10606	10615
Dec	10800	10812	10812	10818
March	10729	10729	10729	10812
June	—	—	—	—

Yen Month	Last	High	Low	Pr Set
June	4227	4233	4225	4224
Sep	4265	4263	4263	4260
Dec	—	—	—	—

D-mark Month	Last	High	Low	Pr Set
June	4155	4162	4184	4164
Sep	4200	4200	4200	4214
Dec	—	—	—	4135

Eurodollar Month	Last	High	Low	Pr Set
June	9096	9094	9086	9081
Sep	9062	9069	9062	9065
Dec	9040	9045	9057	9029
March	9027	9027	9027	9015
June	—	—	—	—

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange). – Home-produced: Market steady with some improvement in some sizes.
Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packer/first hand):

	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
1's	5.30 to 5.70	5.60 to 5.70
2's	4.30 to 4.80	4.60 to 4.70
3's	4.20 to 4.50	4.40 to 4.50
4's	4.10 to 4.30	4.10 to 4.30
5's	3.90 to 4.00	3.90 to 4.00
6's	3.50 to 3.70	3.70 to 3.80
7's	2.80 to 3.00	2.80 to 3.00

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● Arrangements are in hand to place 1.2 million ordinary shares of Unigroup at 50p each to raise about £573,000, after expenses. This will be made available by Unigroup to its 80 per cent-owned subsidiary, Kevco Marketing. Kevco will use the money to expoilt the Olozon Aeorsol, to whit has the marketing rights in the United Kingdom.

● Bytec Management Corporation, the Ottawa-based venture capital group founded by Mr Michael Cowpland, president of Mitel; and Mr Glen St John, is acquiring Gulfstream Technology Group. Bytec, formed in 1979, already manages a portfolio of companies worth over 50m, including Dyna-logic Info-Tech, the makers of the hyperion portable business computer. The acquisition of Gulf-stream – and its two operating companies, Gulfstream Computer Products and Gulfstream Computer Systems – through an all-share deal worth potentially several million dollars marks Bytec's first direct investment outside Canada and the US.

● British Vita have formed a joint venture in Finland with Espe Oy to manufacture industrial fibre waddings for the garment, uphostery and general industries. The company to be called Vitavanu Oy, will operate within Espeś main complex at Kouvola.

Bowthorpe Holdings
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £12.4m (£11.4m).
Stated earnings, 15.8p (13.9p).
Turnover, £72.8m (£63.9m).
Net dividend, 4.04p (3.41p).

Air Call (U.S.M. stock)
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £1.01m (£963,000).
Stated earnings, 21.0p (23.0p).
Turnover, £15.18m (£13.64m).
Net dividend, 5.6p (5.6).

Erness Lighting
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £191,000 (£163,000).
Stated earnings, 12.42p (10.84p).
Turnover, £1.95m (£1.78m).
Net dividend, 3.25p (3.0p).

Johnston Group
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £6.27m (£5.16m).
Stated earnings, 31.99p (25.86p).
Turnover, £53.06m (£42.41m).
Net dividend, 6.0p (4.0p).

Expamet International
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £1.95m (£1.15m).
Stated earnings, 5.35p (2.3p).
Turnover, £27.86m (£32.31m).
Net dividend, 4.5p (4.5p).

Solex
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax loss, £1.19m (£480,000 loss).
Stated earnings (loss), 20.8p (loss, 8.0p).
Turnover, £10.82m (£11.37m).
Net dividend, 4.3 (0.1p).

Lamont Holdings
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £568,000 (£461,000).
Stated earnings, 2.96p (3.8p).
Turnover, £9.74m (£9.93m).
Net dividend, 1.3p (1.2p).

H. & J. Quick Group
Year to 31.12.82.
Loss attributable £172,000 (£5,000 loss).
Turnover, £85.15m (£79.6m).
Net dividend, 1.45p (1.45p).

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
C. Hoare & Co	*10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7½%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 8½%; £50,000 and over, 9%.

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APPOINTMENTS

New joint chief at Aitken Hume

Mr M. G. Scorey has been appointed joint chief executive with Mr M. Aitken of the Aitken Hume Group.

Dr G. Hetherington has become deputy chairman of TSL Thermal Syndicate.

Mr David Kern is the new manager and chief economist, market intelligence department, of National Westminster Bank.

Mr Michael Fletcher has been appointed managing director of Planned Savings Group.

Mr B. S. Sheppard becomes a director of Olympic (Redacre).

Mr C. J. M. Parker has been elected chairman of A. Caird & Sons.

Mr Abel Hadden has been appointed a director of Good Relations Group and chief executive of Good Relations, the consumer public relations subsidiary.

Mr W. M. Alder is the new manager of National Westminster Bank's Bahrain branch.

Mr J. M. Chapman has been appointed finance director of Erskine House Investments.

Mr John P. Clark has been elected to the board of Wigham Poland Pension Consultants. Mr Colin E. Brown has been appointed a director of Wigham Poland Non Marine.

Mr W. J. Fox is joining the board of LCP Holdings.

Mr John Earl has been made managing director of Haden Drysys International, the industrial finishing and mechanical handling division of Haden.

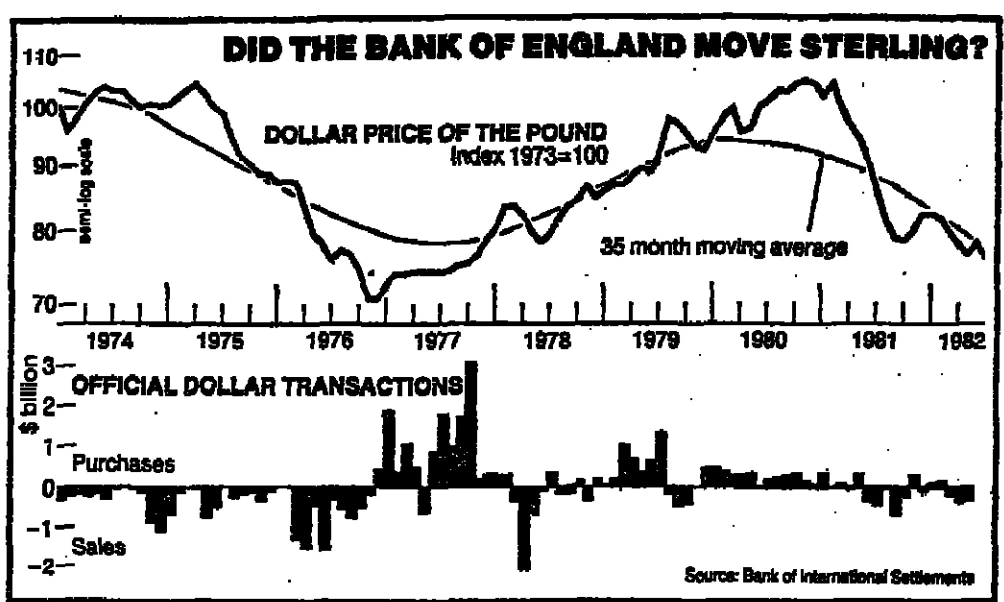
Mr J.A. Griffiths has joined the board of Initial, in the newly-created position of finance director.

Mr J.W. Moffat has been appointed a managing director of Marley Floors.

Mr W.D.H. Gregson has become a non-executive director of H. Brammer.

Mr G.J.A. Jamieson, a director of Robert Fleming Holdings, has been elected chairman of The Charities Official Investment Fund.

Mr Helmut Sohmen has become a senior vice-chairman of World-Wide Shipping Agency, in Hongkong. Mr Stephen Y.K. Pao has been appointed as senior executive director of World-Wide Shipping Agency, and also as director of Marine Navigation, the group's affiliates in London.



Growing call for US currency intervention

None but the most steely of monetarists now believes that exchange rates are best left solely to market forces. The wild week-by-week movements of currencies in recent years have often borne little relation to real economic forces.

European governments (with a brief post-election lapse by the Thatcher Government) have not hesitated to buy or sell their own currencies when they see fit, from the "helpful hand on the tiller" advocated by the Bank of England governor to the all-out defence of the currency pursued - though without conspicuous success - by the French.

But the Americans, whose currency still dominates the world financial scene, refuse to play ball. Their policy of "benign neglect", which has accompanied a soaring dollar, has, Europeans claim, deepened the world recession and held back economic recovery by pushing up interest rates and inflation.

Whether currency intervention, as distinct from more fundamental policy changes, would have made a great deal of difference is doubtful. But the technical intervention issue has become overladen with more political passions.

In microcosm, it represents the war being waged by Europe on American economic isolationism. A retreat from "benign neglect" would, the European camp hopes, pave the way for further modification of US policies to take account of their international repercussions, notably by action to curb rising budget deficits.

To the Europeans' delight, the Americans have scored something of an own goal with their suggestion at last year's Versailles summit for a study on the efficacy of intervention. This successfully defused the issue for a while, as it was intended to do. But the report, due to be published shortly, before the Williamsburg summit next month, supports the European stance.

Though it makes no recommendations, its technical analysis suggests that intervention does work in reducing currency fluctuations.

The study, chaired by M Philippe Jurgensen, a senior French finance official, draws a distinction between "sterilized" and non-sterilized intervention, according to whether the authorities allow their foreign exchange operations to affect domestic money policy or not.

Intervention, say, to support sterling automatically tightens money conditions at home because the Bank of England is buying pounds and taking them out of circulation. This puts upward pressure on interest rates unless the effect is counteracted or "sterilized".

Clearly sterilized intervention is likely to be less effective than if the authorities had allowed money conditions to tighten. Reinforcing action by governments, to squeeze money policy further, will have an even greater impact on the currency.

American intervention has typically been of the sterilized variety because their system of targeting bank reserves would otherwise lead to cash floods or famines in the money markets as dollars drained in or out of the system.

> The issue has become overladen with political passions

In Europe, where the authorities tend to target broader money measures, intervention has normally been non-sterilized.

In Britain, for instance, the Bank of England offsets the effects of its currency transactions in its money market operations – for the same reasons as the Americans do it. But these transactions would normally affect the main target measures of money growth. The amount of intervention since 1977, when the cap was lifted from sterling, has generally been very small. So, in practice the direct impact on domestic monetary conditions has been negligible.

The fact that American intervention has typically been less effective than European currency operations may provide a face-saver for Mr Beryl Sprinkel, US Treasury Undersecretary and arch-opponent of intervention, but it is not going to deflect pressure on the Americans to come into line when heads of government discuss the issue again.

Further support for the European position comes in another paper published last month by the Bank for International Settlements, the central bankers' club based in Basle.

This concludes, from a study of foreign exchange operations by Britain, Germany and Japan, that official intervention is predominantly stabilizing. "These findings would appear to put the burden of proof on those who argue that the official role in the exchange markets has been primarily unhelpful and will continue to be so in the future", the study says, in an unmistakable sideswipe at the United States.

The paper's authors, whose views broadly reflect those of the BIS, reject the use of a profitability criterion. This is the most widely used measure of the effectiveness of currency intervention and the one, albeit surrounded by caveats, on which the Jurgensen study was based.

Instead they looked at whether intervention pushed the exchange rate towards or away from its long run equilibrium rate as measured by a 35-month moving average.

> There are signs that the US may be willing to budge

Where the exchange rate was close to its equilibrium level they judged that intervention was helpful if it pushed the currency back towards its last observed level – on the grounds that the authorities may not know precisely where equilibrium lies and may wish to prevent movements going too far.

On the first criterion alone stabilizing interventions outnumbered destabilizing interventions between 1974 and 1982 by $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 in Germany, and 4 to 1 in Japan. In Britain the balance was roughly equal. Using both tests together the ratios were 6 to 1 in Germany and Japan, 2 to 1 in Britain.

The British performance is weakened by the 1977 episode where the authorities intervened massively to stop sterling rising. Since early 1979, the BIS study suggests, stabilizing intervention has been 11 times more frequent on the first criterion and six times more frequent taking the two together.

The object of official intervention, the study suggests, should be to give the currency markets a clearer idea of where the long-run equilibrium level of the exchange rate ought to be.

"The prime purpose of official intervention should not be to 'outguess the market' but, in conjunction with other policy actions, to create a more stable and predictable environment", the authors say.

There are growing signs that the United States may be willing to budge. The American authorities have recently ventured, on the odd occasion, tiny sums in exchange operations. In policy terms that represents a defeat for the hardliners, though its impact on the currency will have been negligible.

Mr Anthony Solomon, president of the New York Fed, which carries out US official intervention, said a few days ago that the outlines of an understanding on limited intervention could be reached at Williamsburg.

Finally, the Americans are beginning to talk openly about the need for changes in the international monetary order. Such calls will meet with cynicism in Europe unless the United States shows itself willing to make concessions.

However, even if agreement on currency intervention is reached, this will do little to ease the more fundamental problem of long run swings in exchange rates which bear little relation to economic performance. The fixed exchange rate system imposed economic convergence between countries through the discipline of balancing their trade.

Now governments are arguing that convergence is a precondition of more stable exchange rates. It will take more than a couple of academic studies to produce agreement here.

Frances Williams

**Official Intervention in the Exchange Markets: stabilising or destabilising? by Helmut Mayer and Hiroo Taguchi (BIS Economic Papers No 6 – March 1983).*

Industrial notebook

Aircraft that should be left grounded

Britain's struggling aerospace industry is becoming more strident in its calls on the Government to commit vast sums on Europe's latest, decidedly dubious aircraft venture.

Mrs Thatcher and her ever-optimistic team know that in this industry the funds and the gamble are enormous. But the odds against success for the proposed "mini Airbus", the 150-seat jet airliner being developed by the Airbus Industrie consortium, are longer still.

Even so, the Government appears nearly ready to spend the money – up to £400m – even though the Airbus consortium has yet to provide the British, French, West German and Spanish partners with much hope of a return.

The aircraft, the A320, would turn Airbus's products into a proper family – like Boeing's of the United States – and it is being planned as a very high technology, super efficient, big profit earning short-haul jet. But it appears unlikely that it will ever get off the drawing boards. Even if it does, it is unlikely to fly before the 1990s and then will have to compete with the almighty Boeing.

With the world's airlines recoiling from recession, nobody is forecasting with confidence when the market will revive sufficiently to warrant the massive investment – probably as much as £1,000m – necessary to build a new aircraft. By the end of the decade, business air travel in particular is likely to be eroded dramatically by advances in electronic communications.

The result for Airbus is a Catch 22 dilemma. Governments will not stump up the cash until airlines order enough A320s to make the project practicable and the airlines are wary of committing themselves before the aircraft becomes a reality.

Public utterances have shown admirable caution on the part of the British and Germans, who have been attacked by the French for being too timid with their money. In the midst of the bickering, Mr Norman Lamont, Britain's Industry Minister, said recently: "We have had far too many prestige and political aircraft in this country in the past".

The A320 is an unnecessary luxury for Britain at the moment. British Aerospace last week reported a dramatic deterioration in its fortunes – from a £70m profit in 1981 to a £15.3m loss last year, the result of a £100m "exceptional provision" to insulate itself from the poor state of the aircraft market.

Rolls-Royce, whose losses have bounded from £3m to £134m over the same period, is now in bed with its archrival, Pratt & Whitney of the United States, to continue work on a new engine to power 150-seaters. That project, which also involves Japanese, Italian and German manufacturers, could add £500m to the "launch aid" bill presented to Mrs Thatcher.

Boeing has spent about $40m on its 150-seater, the 7-7, but the plane remains a designer's dream and the company is banking more on the continued success of the 737, of which later versions could be equipped with Rolls' engine. Each-way bets in the aircraft business are far safer.

Renewed turbulence now surrounds the A320 with British Airways apparently being nudged by the Government to ape Air France and place some orders. BA buys American jets and does not want Airbuses but it may find the political pressure irresistible.

At the Paris Air Show next month, the Airbus consortium will no doubt be making confident noises about the A320, but the British Government would be better to remain cautious despite the tempting employment benefits that BAe's 30 per cent share in the aircraft would bring.

Meanwhile, Boeing's canny executives are sitting contentedly on the touchline watching with glee the European governmental sparring and humming that American ditty: "Anything you can do . . .".

Edward Townsend

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Debenhams at record 125p

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings Began, Monday. Dealings end, April 22. Contango Day, April 25. Settlement Day, May 3.

Shares of Debenhams, the department store chain, continued to scale new heights yesterday on hopes of a bid once the UDS battle has been decided.

The price rose 7p to a new high of 125p as more than 1 million shares changed hands after hours alone. At this level the group with 67 department stores is valued at £167m. Favourite candidate to make a bid is Mr Gerald Ronson's **Heron Group**, currently tied up in the Bassishaw consortium bidding for UDS.

Last month National Insurance Guarantee, a subsidiary of Heron, bought more than 1 millon shares at around the 118p level. But last night Heron denied it had been buying more shares. On behalf of Mr Ronson, Mr Cyril Spencer, chief executive of Bassishaw, said: "We have definitely not been dealing in Debenhams, and have no intention of making a bid".

However, with a net asset value of 226.3p a share the temptation to make a bid for the company remains great. Debenhams had no comment to make.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market showed no signs of running out of steam. Blue chips led the way higher on hopes of an imminent cut in bank base rates with the FT Index closing another 3.8 up at a new peak of 687.7 – for a two-day rise of 12.7.

Shares of Intasun Leisure Group, the holiday tour operators, held steady at 131p despite a large seller of 4.5 million shares – 9½ of the equity. The seller is thought to have been a board member who sold below the market price.

Even the surprise £77.2m cash call from GKN, Britain's biggest engineering group, failed to dampen enthusiasm as the price tumbled 16p to 162p. TI Group lost 2p to 162, after 158p, in sympathy.

Gilts continued to reflect growing optimism of a cut in base rates and the pound's continued recovery on the foreign exchange, where it ended up 1.45 cents at $1.5415 But earlier gains of more than £1 were pared by profit-taking as investors raised cash for application in the new tap, where dealings start tomorrow. In longs, prices ended the day £¼ easier, while shorts were £1/16 lower.

Bid speculation continued to help **Dunlop**, the troubled tyre giant, which ended the day 3p higher at 58p. On Monday, **Pegi Multi-Purpose** announced it had bought a further 6.5 million shares, taking its stake to 26.1 per cent and leading to renewed speculation that the Singapore-based group may soon be making a bid for control of the group.

One of the best movers of the day among the FT constituents was ICI, one of the biggest British industrial companies, jumping 14p to a high of 416p, after 420. The group is due to report first quarter figures on April 28, with the market looking for pretax profits of around £90m against £62m for the corresponding period last year. Despite recent American support, most of yesterday's support came from British investors hoping for further signs of a recovery.

Expect details this week of BET's minority bid for Rediffusion. The merchant banks are putting the finishing touches to the deal, whereby BET will buy the remaining 36.1 per cent of the shares. Meanwhile, Mr Hugh Dundas, chairman of BET, has again denied the company was itself the target of a bid as the shares added another 10p to 245p yesterday. "There is no one breathing down our necks", he said.

C. H. Beazer has won control of **Second City Properties** by the skin of its teeth. Acceptances for its 77p a share bid, valuing the Birmingham-based property group at £18.1m, amounted to 54 per cent of the shares. The offer has now gone unconditional.

Meanwhile, **Michael Ashcroft's, Kean & Scott**, has also won its battle for control of furniture manufacturer, **Alpine Holdings**, with the offer now going unconditional. Acceptances totalled 7.8 million shares, including 679,000 shares in respect of the seperate cash offer, which acccounts for 77 per cent of the company.

Unigroup has placed 1.2 million shares at 50p to raise £573,000. The money will be used to sell its air-based refillable aerosol system.

On the unlisted Securities Market, shares of **Fitch & Co** were unchanged at 125p despite Monday's figures showing the group easily exceeding profits forecasts. *The group weighed in* with pretax profits of £875,000 compared with the ealier figure of £825,000.

Milford Docks rallied after Monday's shake-out with the price closing 25p dearer at 75p, still reflecting the recent cash raising proposals. Earlier this year, the shares were traded at around 150p amid hopes of a long-awaited bid.

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
78	59	Ass Fisheries	64	+3	3.2	5.0	7.0
146	76	Ass Leisure	136	+3	8.1	6.0	14.5
233	136	Ass News	233	+5	14.9	6.4	11.0
86	43	Ass Paper	77	−2	5.4	7.1	5.8
75	54	Atkins Bros	64	..	7.1	11.2	6.6
160	77	Attwoods PLC	144	..	2.9	2.0	25.9
40	28	Ault & Wiborg	30	+1	1.8	6.0	16.8
24	8	Aurora PLC	9	+1	..e	..	..
59	20	Automotive Pd	32	+1	2.1	6.7	..
142	86	Gripperrods	117	..	5.0	4.3	7.4
159	83½	Grosvenor Grp	148	..	7.3b	4.9	20.0
187	107	GKN	162	−16	11.4	7.1	45.1
142	71	H.A.T. Grp	135	+2	4.1	3.0	20.1
172	108	HTV	145	..	15.7	10.8	6.5
266	105	Habitat	266	+2	5.7n	2.1	28.9
270	173	Haden	263	..	11.1	4.2	11.5
168	116	Hall Eng	144	..	10.9	7.5	5.9
242	178	Hall M.	228	..	7.5	3.3	12.2
132	83	Halma PLC	120	..	2.3	1.9	23.3
266	125	Martin News	203	+2	8.3	4.1	9.0
288	213	Martonair	263	+2	11.4	4.3	15.8
164	90	Matthews B.	152	+3	7.5	4.9	5.1
68	56	Medminster	53	..	5.9	11.1	9.5
368	215	Menzies J.	318	..	6.6	2.1	11.4
196	140	Metal Box	190	..	16.5	8.7	11.9
147	100	Metal Bulletin	123	..	8.6	7.0	11.6
50	36½	Metalrax	47	..	3.3	7.0	10.1
49¾	14	Mettoy	29	..	..e	..	..
140	56	Meyer Int	128	−1	5.0b	3.9	..
78	40	Silentnight	73	+1	3.6	4.9	7.4
425	328	Simon Eng	420	−5	18.0	4.3	8.2
193	113	Sirdar	175	● −3	6.2	3.5	10.6
76	41	600 Group	71	+1½	7.5	10.6	12.1
423	240	Sketchley	405	+1	15.6	3.8	15.1
176	85¾	Smith & Neph	164	● +2	5.3	3.2	19.1
294	149	Smith W. H. 'A'	266	+4	7.9	3.0	20.7
57	31	Do "B"	51	+1	1.6	3.1	19.8
435	318	Smiths Ind	411	−12	15.7	3.8	11.6
78	44	Smurfit	78	+1	5.3	6.7	6.9

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370	134	MK Electric	358	+5	11.4b	3.2	21.6
325	235	ML Hldgs	300	..	10.0	3.3	10.2
30⅞	14½	MY Dart	21½	+1	0.1	0.7	..
286	130	McCorquodale	286	+3	12.9	4.5	11.6
146	56	Macfarlane	141	● ..	5.6	4.0	14.7
42	23	McInerney Prop	42	+1	3.1	7.4	4.6
55	39	Mackay H.	54	..	5.7	10.6	12.7
131	93	McKechnie Bros	130	+2	10.4	8.0	10.2
86	41	Macpherson D.	56	+2	6.0	10.7	33.9
197	92	Magnet & S'thns	178	+3	5.4b	3.1	19.4
130	79	Man Agcy Music	111	..	12.5	11.3	10.2
220	108	Marchwiel	205	−2	10.7	5.2	13.1
235	125	Marks & Spencer	224	+5	6.7	3.0	24.5
73	35½	Marley PLC	68½	−½	3.6	5.2	29.1
51	29	Marling Ind	35½	..	1.5	4.3	4.6
50	34	Marshall T Lox	36	..	4.0	11.1	..
48	23	Do A	27	+1	4.0	14.8	..
146	78	Marshalls Hfx	146	..	7.1	4.9	11.9
450	258	Sainsbury J.	401	+6	7.4	1.8	19.9
235	153	Sale Tilney	185	+7	12.5	6.8	5.3
128	89	Samuel H. 'A'	110	+1	8.9	8.1	17.0
55	29	Sangers	42	..	..e	..	..
222	131	Scapa Grp	222	..	10.1	4.6	10.8
495	153¾	Scholes G. H.	470	+5	20.5	4.4	18.4
79	54	S.E.E.T.	73	..	4.7	6.5	6.0
107	77	Scottish TV 'A'	100	..	10.5	10.5	3.7
20 11/16	9 11/16	Seaco Inc	£19	−⅛	27.6	1.5	7.8
104½	53½	Sears Hldgs	92	+½	3.6	3.9	15.0
321	122	Securicor Grp	297	..	1.9	0.6	48.3
317	113	Do NV	277	..	1.9	0.7	45.0
312	139½	Security Serv	297	..	3.5	1.2	27.6
297	137¼	Do A	297	..	3.3	1.1	27.6
14½	8¼	Selincourt	14½	+¼	0.0	0.1	..
57	57	Serck	57	..	4.9	8.5	10.4
29½	12	Shaw Carpets	25	−½	0.1e	0.6	..
321	166	Siebe Gorman	310	−3	12.1b	3.9	12.0

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) April 12	Market rates (close) April 12	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.5215-1.5425	$1.5410-1.5420	0.17-0.12c prem	0.32-0.27c prem
Montreal	$1.8950-1.9010	$1.8980-1.8990	0.20-0.10c prem	0.35-0.25c prem
Amsterdam	4.17-4.22fl	4.20½-4.21½fl	2-1½c prem	5¼-4¾c prem
Brussels	73.80-74.40f	74.25-74.35f	5-15c disc	25-35c disc
Copenhagen	13.16-13.26k	13.24½-13.25½k	295-435ore disc	860-995ore disc
Dublin	1.1740-1.1830p	1.1805-1.1815p	55-70p disc	145-165p disc
Frankfurt	3.70½-3.74½m	3.73¾-3.74¾m	2-1½pf prem	4¾-4¼pf prem
Lisbon	148.75-150.50e	149.25-150.25e	290-1370c disc	620-2180c disc
Madrid	206.75-208.50p	208.20-208.40p	135-200c disc	435-540c disc
Milan	2210-2225lr	2222½-2224½lr	9½-13½lr disc	33-38lr disc
Oslo	10.94-11.02k	11.00½-11.01½k	250-355ore disc	825-935ore disc
Paris	11.12-11.20f	11.19-11.20f	1½-2½c disc	9-11c disc
Stockholm	11.43-11.53k	11.51½-11.52½k	20-110ore disc	200-330ore disc
Tokyo	363-368y	366-367y	135-115y prem	355-330y prem
Vienna	26.05-26.30sch	26.22-26.27sch	12-10gro prem	32-28gro prem
Zurich	3.11½-3.15½f	3.14¼-3.15¼f	1¾-1¼c prem	4¾-4¼c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was up 0.4 at 82.0

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 11 Low 9¾

Week Fixed: 10⅝-10½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10	2 months	9⅞
3 months	9 25/32	3 months	9 21/32

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	10¼-10 3/16	1 month	10⅝
2 months	9 15/16-9⅞	2 months	10 9/32
3 months	9 25/32-9¾	3 months	10 11/32
6 months	9¾-9 27/32	6 months	10¼

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10⅞	7 months	n.a.
2 months	10¾-10⅝	8 months	n.a.
3 months	10⅝-10½	9 months	10¼-10
4 months	10½-10⅜	10 months	n.a.
5 months	10⅜-10	11 months	n.a.
6 months	10¼-9⅞	12 months	10⅜-10

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	10⅝-10½	6 months	10¼-10 3/16
3 months	10¼-10⅛	12 months	10 3/16-9 31/32

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10⅞	3 months	10 5/16
7 days	10¾	6 months	10
1 month	10½	1 year	10

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 11½ Close 9

1 week	11-10¾	6 months	10¼-10
1 month	10 9/16-10 7/16	9 months	10¼-10
3 months	10⅜-10¼	12 months	10¼-10

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 10 9/16-10 7/16 6 months 10 5/16-10 3/16

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Other Markets

Australia	1.7575-1.7725
Bahrein	0.5765-0.5795
Finland	8.2900-8.3300
Greece	127.45-129.45
Hongkong	10.3160-10.3560
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4455-0.4485
Malaysia	3.5195-3.5495
Mexico	225.00-250.00
New Zealand	2.3215-2.3415
Saudi Arabia	5.2795-5.3095
Singpore	3.2080-3.2380
South Africa	1.6700-1.6850

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.3040-1.3050
† Canada	1.2319-1.2322
Netherlands	2.7325-2.7335
Belgium	48.19-48.23
Denmark	8.5940-8.5990
West Germany	2.4230-2.4240
Portugal	96.50-98.00
Spain	135.05-135.15
Italy	1442.50-1443.50
Norway	7.1400-7.1450
France	7.2625-7.2675
Sweden	7.4720-7.4770
Japan	237.60-237.75
Austria	17.025-17.035
Switzerland	2.0410-2.0425

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1: US $0.8115-0.8118

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 8½-9½; seven days, 8⅞-9¼; one month, 8 13/16-9 1/16; three months, 9⅛-9¼; six months, 9⅜-9½.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $433.25 (an ounce); pm, $432.75 close, $432.25.
Krugerrand* (per coin): $445.00-446.50 (£289.50-290.50).
Sovereigns* (new): $101.00-102.00 (£65.75-66.50).
* Excludes VAT

MISCELLANEOUS

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
40⅝	31	Essex Wtr 3.5%	£37½	..	500	13.3	..
41	17½	Gt Nthn Tele	£41	..	91.5	2.2	16.2
158	55	Milford Docks	75	+20	0.7	0.9	..
135	78	Nesco Inv	83	..	10.0	12.0	..
40⅝	31	Sunderlnd Wtr	£36½	..	500	13.7	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.



FOOTBALL: SETBACKS OFF THE FIELD AND ON

Taxing problems for Hartlepool and the League

As another Football League club, Hartlepool United, of the fourth division, admitted that they face financial collapse, a further meeting of League chairmen organized by Jimmy Hill, of Coventry City, has been arranged at Chelsea on April 25.

Mr Hill, who spent six hours with 20 chairmen from first and second division clubs at Coventry on Monday, says: "Perhaps soccer would not have arrived at its present mess if the chairmen had talked their way through their problems in the past."

However, whether this will help Hartlepool is doubtful. The Inland Revenue have filed papers to wind up the club's affairs at the Company's Court in London on Monday.

Hartlepool owe £60,000 in unpaid PAYE contributions but the club's chairman, Vince Barker, remains hopeful. "This is not the end," he said. "I can save the club again, but probably for the las. time."

Another subject "not for discussion" was that of televised football when the Lege chairmen gathered on Monday. This will be left to the Football League's sub-committee who will now meet television representatives on April 29. Their recommendations will then go before an extraordinary general meeting of the Football League in London on May 5. This meeting will also consider the £8m offer by the video company, Telejector, who want to show recorded highlights in clubs and public houses.

The club chairmen also have an earlier date in London, on April 26, when they will discuss the Chester Report on the state of the game.

● Derby County have paid Bradford City a further £20,000 of the £55,000 compensation ordered by the Football League for the loss last November of their player-manager, Roy McFarland, and his assistant, Mick Jones. There is now only £15,000 outstanding.



Coppell: Out of FA Cup semi-final

Inquiry into 'fixed' Inter match

Rome (AFP) – Another match-fixing scandal has emerged in Italy three years after the one which led to several players being banned and two clubs demoted to the second division. The Italian Football Association have launched an inquiry into allegations that members of the Genoa and Inter Milan teams agreed to settle for a 2–2 draw in a league match at Genoa a fortnight ago.

Suspicions were aroused when the Genoa manager, Giorgio Vitali, hurled abuse at Internazionale after they had scored an extra goal to win 3–2. He said they were "not men" and he accused Salvatore Bagni, scorer of the third goal, of having broken a non-aggression pact.

Aldo Ferrari-Ciboldi, who is heading the inquiry, said: "Secret betting is still commonplace in Italy despite the Italian FA's efforts to stamp it out".

McLean to quit as Ayr boss

Willie McLean has resigned as manager of struggling Scottish first division club, Ayr United. His assistant, George Caldwell, has been appointed caretaker manager of the team which is now third from the bottom.

McLean's resignation follows a series of poor results including a 3–2 home defeat by another struggling side, Dunfermline, in front of only 700 spectators on Saturday.

The Ayr chairman, Edric McGawn, said yesterday: "This resulted from lengthy and amicable discussions over the weekend when both Mr McLean and the board agreed it would be in the interest of the club for a fresh manager".

McLean said: "Things happen quickly in football and I have not lost faith in my ability. I am the same manager who, at the early part of last season, had the longest unbeaten run in Britain."

Coppell injury gives Wilkins a reprieve

Steve Coppell, the England winger, is out of the Manchester United team to play Arsenal in the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park on Saturday. Coppell will go into hospital within the next two days for an exploratory operation on the knee injury which has troubled him since the summer. He may not play again this season.

"Naturally, I am disappointed, but these things happen in football and we will just have to make the best of it," Ron Atkinson, the United manager, said. Coppell's injury means another reprieve for Ray Wilkins, who was expected to drop out once Bryan Robson returned.

There was better news from United's other main injury doubt, Kevin Moran, the Republic of Ireland defender. He has not played since the Milk Cup final because of an ankle injury, but he trained yesterday with no ill-effects.

Pat Jennings, the Arsenal goalkeeper, had a successful comeback in a specially-arranged reserve match against Charlton yesterday. Jennings has missed five matches because of strained ligaments in his left foot but came through well and has a strong chance of playing on Saturday.

David O'Leary, a central defender, who has played only twice since injuring his ankle against United in the Milk Cup semi-final, was not risked against Charlton. But he did train and Terry Neill the Manager, reported that his progress was satisfactory. Alan Sunderland (groin injury) and Peter Nicholas (knee) are still under treatment and Neill will delay a decision on their fitness until the last minute.

Jimmy Melia the Brighton manager, yesterday decided against pitching Kieran O'Reagan, the untried teenager, into their semi-fianl against Sheffiedl Wednesday at Highbury.

Confusion over World Cup visits

Mexico City (Agencies) – Senior officials of FIFA, football's governing body, have arrived here to assess the country's application to stage the 1986 World Cup finals.

They were quoted on arrival as saying that they did not plan to visit the United States or Canada after their one-week visit, despite a statement to the contrary on Monday by the FIFA president, João Havelange. After protests by those countries, who also applied to stage the competition, he said an inspection visit would take place.

The protests came after FIFA's special committee had announced that it intended to pursue only Mexico's application out of the three when Colombia, the original hosts, withdrew.

This original announcement seemed to kill, effectively, North American prospects of staging the tournament until Mr Havelange's intervention. Now there is again confusion. FIFA have said that a final decision will be made by the executive committee in Stockholm on May 20.

During their stay here, officials will visit the 12 grounds Mexico intends to use for the 24-nation competition. Mexico staged the tournament, when 16 teams took part, in 1970.

Proctor leaves

Sunderland have failed to keep Mark Proctor on loan from Nottingham Forest until the end of the season. His month's loan ends tomorrow and the Forest manager, Brian Clough, was seeking assurances from Sunderland that it would become permanent. But Sunderland are not in a position to pay Forest's asking price – believed to be £120,000 – and the deal has been called off.

Clearance for Ilkeston after appeal

The non-League club, Ilkeston Town have won an appeal against an FA commission who penalised them for failing to control their supporters during an FA Trophy game at Barnet in January, when 14 youths were arrested.

The Northern Counties East League club were also recently cleared of blame for crowd trouble at their home Trophy match with Enfield in February, when two invasions of the pitch forced the abandonment of the game.

RUGBY UNION: PROFESSIONAL GAME MOVES A STEP NEARER

Circus with a ring of confidence

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The spectre of a professional circus of Rugby Union players has raised its head again to haunt the game's administrators as a result of yesterday's suggestion that an Australian sports promoter was assembling 200 of the world's leading players to join a professional troupe. It is not the first time such a plan has been mooted: this one, however, follows hard on the heels of the latest rejection by the International Board of a world cup for rugby and it is difficult not to feel that, in the prevailing commercial atmosphere, each such rejection may bring professional Rugby Union nearer.

The latest plan, names David Lord, the Australian sports promoter, and television commentator, as the man who is assembling eight international squads from the four home countries, France, New Zealand, Australia and the Rest of the World to play a series of seven world tournaments over the next three years. The cost of such recruitment is put at £20m with individual players accumulating over £90,000 each for taking part. Each tournament would take place over a six-week period at gounds in Britain, Australia, South Africa and possibly the United States. Wembley is named as a possible venue though it is suggested that the Sydney Cricket Ground next year is a more likely jumping-off point.

A spokesman for Wembley said no approach had been made to them to run a Rugby tournament next September. Needless to say the troupe would have to find grounds where the respective Rugby Unions of the home countries had no control since, as the secretary of the Rugby Union, Bob Weighill, said yesterday; "If any player is found to be even negotiating a contract they will never play rugby union at any level again."

The point at issue, however, is whether rugby union could not be played at two levels just as football is. At the international level the approach to the game has become much more professional over the last decade and some players feel that a degree of compensation for the time they sacrifice to the game is in order. It is easy to imagine players responding to an entrepreneurial approach which promises them a large sum of money over a relatively short period, particularly players who have reached the tip in their respective countries and have been disillusioned by what they have found.

Mr Lord, it is said, is making his plans on the realistic basis that every man has his price and if the administrators of the member countries of the International Board believe that the ethos of the amateur game is sufficient to prevent players from taking advantage of such a lucrative offer, they are even further from the players' viewpoint than the players themselves already believe.

Graham Mourie, the former New Zealand captain, said in his autobiography that he felt the Australians might show the way in the organization of a world cup (though he did not stipulate a professional world cup) and he criticised the make-up of the IB.

"There is no move to widen the membership of the club and that is a dangerous and selfish attitude. It is selfish because they (the IB) like the cosy way their club is organised and they do not want more members, particularly those from different backgrounds who might threaten the public school character of the game and might also threaten the UK's control. And it is dangerous because eventually the outsiders may get tired of waiting and build a fmansion of their own."

There was talk of the foundations of a professional mansion being laid down in 1977, following the Lions tour to New Zealand. At that time it seemed more in the nature of a testing of the waters. This year there is not likely to be any announcement of a professional circus until late summer, when another tour to New Zealand has run its course. But this time there seems every reason to take the threat to rugby's amateur status seriously.

If professional rugby union gets off the ground – and the timing is well planned – it will not be the same game as that being played by the majority in this country anyway but I do not think that will worry the "professionals" unduly.



Graham Mourie: Warned of impending world cup

Need for collective ability on Portuguese tour

During the three matches they will play on tour against Portuguese opposition this week, England's 16 group schools side are unlikely to be so effectively "cleaned out" of possession as they were by Wales at Bristol on Monday evening. David Hands writes.

That they beat the Welsh 14-13 speaks volumes for their commitments as individuals, though not for their collective ability as a team.

Paul Hamer, the England stand-off, showed some effective touches and he kicked the conversion which ultimately was the difference between the sides. Shaun Edwards, David Tether and Obiora Egbuna scored England's tries. For Wales Carl Gupwell and David Young scored tries, Ian Stevens dropped a goal and Paul Williams kicked a conversion.

YACHTING

Italians introduce their crew

Rome (AP) – The Italian consortium launching Italy's first challenge in the America's Cup, has introduced the crew members of the 12 metre yacht Azzurra at a press conference, and expressed confidence in their preparations.

"We are very satisified", Gianfranco Alberini, president of the 16-member business consortium said. Cino Ricci, the crew leader, said that the first group of sailors will leave for the United States in early May, while the second group will depart on July 1.

Four other countries besides Italy – France, Canada, Australia and Great Britain – are taking part in the hope that one of them will take the America's Cup out of the United States for the first time in the 133-year history of the race.

The races will take place off Newport, Rhode Island, the first rounds being raced on June 18 and the final race in September.

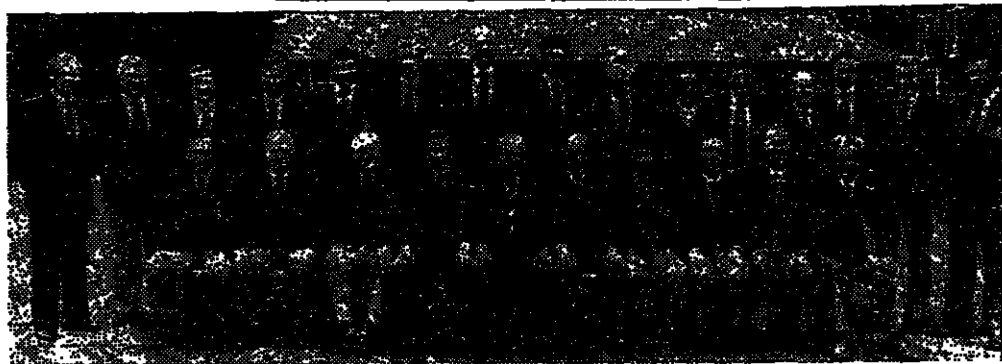
Mr Albertini said that the Italians will not give up even of their outside chance bid fails. We are ready to work towards a similar goal in 1986", he said. "No member of the consortium wants to get out".

Ricci was asked how Azzara compared with the American-built, super-fast Enterprise, which has been racing against the Italian craft during the recent training.

"The two boats are very close to each other", Ricci said. "There is no problem". The crew members had been training in the waters of Formia off the southern Italian coast since last January.

The members of the first group of the Azzurra crew are: F. Apollomio, G. Ballanti, E. Bunoimo, A. de Marinis, G. de Voto, D. Gabrielli, A. Giorgetti, E. Isemburg, M. Lugaresi, B. Maletto, L. Mazza, T. Nava, M. Pelaschier, M. Piani, N. Reggio, S. Roberti, P. Rocca, F. Scala and M. Valentini.

CRICKET: UMPIRES' CLASS OF '83



The 25 men who will officiate at this season's county matches.

Captains to take a line on a matter of length

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The majority of first-class cricketers, at yesterday's meeting of the Cricketers' Association, duly heard Bob Willis, the England captain, put the case for four-day championship cricket. Without having been there (the meeting having been private), it is my impression that the cricketers themselves would not mind giving it a trial, though Tavaré for one, who expressed himself while in Australia as being in favour of it, is having second thoughts.

Most county staffs, if they have not done so already, will be discussing the pros and cons of it before the captains' meeting at Lord's on Friday. After that it will be chewed over by the cricket committee of the Test and County Cricket Board later this month.

Cook, the Northamptonshire captain and a supporter of the three-day game, expressed the general feeling of yesterday's meeting when he said he thought the TCCB's new restrictions on players' appealing amount to an over-reaction. Overseas perhaps, and in Test cricket, appealing was certainly overdone, but no longer, say the players, in the county championship. A motion to this effect was wholeheartedly supported, which will be communicated to the TCCB.

Chappell wants to be one of boys

Colombo (Reuter) – Greg Chappell said yesterday that he would not be available to captain the Australian team after the tour of Sri Lanka, which starts with a one-day international match here today. Chappell is leading the side because Kim Hughes, who succeeded him in the recent World Series Cup, wanted to spend more time with his family.

Chappell, who arrived here with the 13-man party said he would like to continue playing under another captain. "I would like the opportunity of playing for Australia as just a player – there is less pressure."

Garner gathers three wickets in lively spell

Bridgetown (Reuter) – Joel Garner took three wickets in 13 overs to put Barbados firmly on course for victory over the Indians here yesterday. He helped reduce the Indians, 296 behind on the first innings, to 193 for six in their second innings at lunch on the fourth day at Kensington Oval.

The Indians, who resumed at 108 for two, had an encouraging start before Malhotra was caught behind trying to cut. From Garner's next ball Shastri was leg-before.

INDIANS: First Innings 245 (Armanath 61, Yashpal Sharma 59, R J Shastri 58).

: Second Innings

A D Gaekwad c Payne b Alleyne	28
Arun Lal c Worrell b Linton	31
A Malhotra c Worrell b Garner	55
†S M H Kirmani b Garner	22
R J Shastri l-b-w b Garner	0
Yashpal Sharma c Garner b Phillips	11
Gursharan Singh not out	13
S Madan Lal not out	29
Extras (n-b 4)	4
Total (six wkts)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–34, 2–95, 3–132, 4–132, 5–148, 6–160.

BARBADOS: first innings 542 (C G Greenidge 237, G L Linton 88, N A Phillips 51).

SQUASH: SETTLING ARGUMENTS IN BRITISH OPEN

Miss Opie nicks the cream

By Richard Eaton

Lisa Opie, the Nottingham-based Guernsey player, and Gamal Awad, the Dartford-based Egyptian, yesterday earned their chances to succeed Vicki Cardwell, of Australia, and Jahangir Khan of Pakistan, by winning the British Open titles, sponsored by Davies and Tate at Derby. Awad reached the final for the first time by beating the Australian Dean Williams, 10-8, 9-0, 9-0, and Miss Opie did so for the second successive time, by beating her fellow England international, Angela Smith, 0-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7.

Lisa Opie: second final

Attempting to become the first player other than an Australian, to take the title in 22 years, Miss Opie started as disastrously as Williams finished, losing a game in five minutes as her concentration wandered to the smudges on the walls, to the distant and invisible referee, along the balconies of the Assembly Rooms – and everywhere but where it should have been.

She was, she said, relieved to have beaten Robyn Blackwood her Chichester conqueror, and was not "hyped up." Miss Smith soon saw to it that she was, smiting the ball so that it screeched, and contesting with her opponent the centre of the court like two cats with a single saucer.

Miss Opie awoke, and began to decorate the court with her familiar angles, drops, and nicks; at 7-7 in the fourth game the match grew to its crisis. At that moment the referee, Bob Johnson, warned Miss Smith to stop arguing, and it disturbed her. A backhand, a drop shot into the nick, and a penalty point, and abruptly the match was Miss Opie's. Miss Smith threw the ball back at the end with some venom.

"I thought that was a bit much", she said. "Bob is a good referee but some of the others have overstepped the mark, this tournament. Some of them seem to think the crowd has come to watch them."

Williams, too, was warned to stop arguing. He was also advised not to play at all, by a Perth neurosurgeon. He has, by all accounts, suffered from serious interference to his coordination and central nervous system since having four wisdom teeth removed just after reaching the final of the World Open. A five minute rally at 8-8 in the first game seemed to finish him. He lost 20 successive points, throwing down his racket instead of completing the last one.

Awad, now trained by Jonah Barrington, was superb. He has complained bitterly about his seedings and within three days has been amply vindicated, beating Jaham, the No 2 seed, and Williams, the No 4. Awad is the only man who says he can beat Jahangir, and after their monotonously fascinating two hours and 45 minutes together at Chichester one or two people are beginning to listen to him.

RESULTS: Men's semi-finals: G Awad (Egypt) bt D Williams (Aus), 10-8, 9-0, 9-0.
Women's semi-finals: L Opie bt A Smith, 0-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7.

BIRMINGHAM: British junior championship: Under-19, third round: D Lloyd bt R Owen, 3-1; N Stiles bt D Mabbs 3-1; Z Selen bt Taylor 3-1; M Roberts bt M Poole 3-0.

GOLF

Chappell a pro-am celebrity

y-spinner on the European circuit last year, and Greg Chappell, the former Test cricket captain, will be in the Australian team for the first international pro-am challenge match against Britain at Moor Park, Rickmansworth, on July 18.

Australia's team of six professionals and six celebrities will be playing for the Chef and Brewer Trophy in a match to be decided on the better-ball team aggregate of each pro-am pair. One of the main aims will be to raise funds to buy Lord's Taverners minibuses for the handicapped.

The British team, which will be captained by Ronnie Corbett, the former president of the Lord's Taverners, will include Brian Barnes and Bernard Gallacher.

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Boost for tour

The woken's professional tour received a £7,000 boost when it was confirmed that the UBM northern classic would be staged at Arcot Hall, Northumberland, from June 16 to 18.

IN BRIEF

England sweep the board

England won all their matches yesterday in the home countries schoolboys hockey championships played at Dublin and Swansea, Sydney Friskin writes. In the under-19 tournament in Dublin England beat Scotland 2-0 and Wales 4-0. A draw for England against Ireland today will be enough to win the title. At Swansea in the under-16 event England beat Scotland 6-0. Scotland were also beaten 4-2 by Wales.

RESULTS: Under-19: England 2, Scotland 0; Wales 1, Ireland 1; England 4, Wales 0; Scotland 3, Ireland 2. Under-16: England 6, Scotland 0; Wales 4, Scotland 2.

ATHLETICS: Rome, (AFP) – Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation said here yesterday, that Rome, London and Indianapolis were candidates to stage the second world championships in 1987.

CRICKET: Middlesex, the county champions, will play pre-season matches against Buckinghamshire at Slough on April 17 and Essex at Chelmsford on April 18. They will then play two matches in Jersey on April 23 and 24.

MOTOR RACING: Tim Davies, from Lampeter, aims to maintain his dominance of the British Ford 2000 championship at Snetterton on Sunday. He has won the three previous rounds.

FOOTBALL: Peter Foley, the Oxford United forward, who flew to Hongkong on Friday to join one of the colony's leading sides for three months, arrives back in England today because of passport difficulties.

● Scotland, Spain and the Soviet Union will be England's opponents in their group of the European youth championship in England from May 13 to 22. The final will be at Tottenham on the day after the FA Cup final.

GOLF: Christy O'Connor, who last year won the PGA seniors' golf championship for a record fifth time, will defend the title at Burnham and Berrow, from May 23 to 26.

BOXING: Mike Barrett is hoping to stage a European middleweight title fight between Louis Acaries, the holder, and Tony Sibson, the former champion, in the Midlands on June 18 or 19.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Clubs with no homes

By Keith Macklin

The Rugby League's decision to refuse extensions of the first and second division seasons is causing severe problems, particularly for teams attached to football clubs.

Fulham, who are assured of promotion, cannot use Craven Cottage for their remaining home fixtures; Hunslet, who are contesting with two other clubs for the final promotion place, are having to move away from an unfit Elland Road; and Cardiff City have the additional headache of raising teams at short notice to fulfil away fixtures.

Injuries are posing severe strain on sides with three and four games to fit in within the next week or fortnight. One of the worst-hit is Bradford Northern, who are trying to avoid relegation and have four games to compress into five days, beginning with last night's home game against St Helens.

League officials have made it clear that the apparently harsh decision was made in order to be fair to clubs who have taken the trouble to complete their fixtures to a reasonable schedule.

The premiership title pairings will also need to be decided shortly to enable that competition to start on time.

Featherstone Rovers and Leeds tonight stage two home games which can decide the destination of the championship, sponsored by Slalom Lager. If a full-strength team Hull win at Headingley they are virtual champions, since their final home game next Sunday is against Barrow, who face relegation.

Featherstone Rovers, paradoxically threatened with relegation and preparing for a Wembley final, entertain Wigan. If Rovers win they will end their fears of a drop and also kill off Wigan's hopes of winning the championship. Rovers are likely to be without two key players, the scrum half Hudson and the second row forward Smith, who are injured but hope to be fit for Wembley on May 7.

An upright David who could smite the Goliaths

Master of the classical style

A generation ago, whenever cricketers discussed the great stylists of the game, the name of Lionel Palairet (who died on March 27, 1933) found support, even though he had played in an age abounding with stylish batsmen. His figures, while good (15,777 runs, average 33.63), do not declare such eminence. He played for Repton (captain for two years), Oxford (captain for two years), Somerset (captain for one season, in 1907, between the reigns of Woods and Daniell.)

He played for England twice, in 1902, in the fourth and fifth Tests. These were, until last winter in Australia, the two closest Tests between the two countries. Australia won the fourth by three runs, England the fifth by one wicket. Palairet's contributions, opening the innings, were 6, 17, 20 and 6. So he has nothing to compare with the statistical achievements of his amateur contemporaries, such as Ranjisinhji, Fry, Jackson, MacLaren and Jessop.

There were times when he was not unlike Jessop; he would play an astonishing innings at high speed, smiting into the river at Taunton, and the churchyard at the other end, much as Wellard and Botham have done in later years. But these occasional bursts of big hitting were not the typical Palairet. He was not another Jessop, a natural hitter. Although Jessop was rightly admired, by the public and even the professional critics, he was not described as a master of the classical style. Palairet was, almost invariably.

So what was this "style"? Action photography came a little late for him. There are pictures of him in Ranjitsinhji's Jubilee Book of Cricket, published in 1897. In one, his left foot is planted outside the crease, his bat locked in so firmly behind it that he could not play a forward defensive shot, his gloves twisted all anyhow. The caption is "L. C. H. Palairet's drive to cover". There is another of "L. C. H. Palairet cutting", where he appears to be endeavouring to give first slip a gentle tap on the head, absent-mindedly, as a Chancellor of a University might bestow a degree, while trying to remember the name not only of the recipient but of the third person of the Trinity.

There are pictures of him playing forward – or preparing to – and of his stance. Naturally these do not tell us much. However, C. B. Fry had some illuminating comments about him. He was essentially an offside player, without fancy strokes to the leg. Fry thinks that this was because of early practice at home against such professional bowlers as Attewell and Martin. Attewell was considered as accurate as any bowler of his time, and nobody had much chance of making leg-side strokes to him. Fry said Palairet's methods "were irreproachable before he went to school... At one time he showed an inclination to go in for pure hitting, but he gave it up in favour of a forward style". Nevertheless he continued to enjoy a lofted drive and hit the ball in the air more than most elegant batsmen. "His hits fly like good golf drives".

We also have the comment of H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, who played under him for Oxford. "Palairet's God was a perpendicular bat. He played forward or drove past point rather than slashed or cut". Well, there you are. He had no leg-side strokes, he did not cut, but he was one of the best stylists of his time, "a model for correct style". It does rather show how much the glorious Edwardian age was governed by the thought that only the drive through the covers really qualified for beauty, like the artist who thought that the only thing worth painting was a picture of pink boys in a blue sea. Very lovely, but they did not explore his full range.

Palairet was a Lancastrian of Huguenot stock. He was born at Grange-over-Sands, a place where I spent several happy holidays in youth, less for the sands (there were none near the shore) than because it was a good base for exploring the Lake District. His only qualification for playing for Somerset was that he had been at prep school at Clevedon. He played for them first in 1891, the year before they were admitted to the county championship.

Their captain was H. T. Hewett, a blunt man and a blunt batsmen, more force than style, left-handed. He and Palairet struck up a successful opening partnership, as has often happened with men of contrasting methods. In 1892 they scored 346 against Yorkshire at Taunton, in three hours and a half. This was the highest opening partnership made in the championship at that time. Only a dozen or so have surpassed it.

Palairet's highest score was 292 against Hampshire in 1896. He made another double hundred against Worcester, in 1904, 27 centuries altogether. His best season was 1901, when he scored 1,906 runs, with an average of 57. He did not play regularly in the last years before his retirement in 1907 and never went on tour with an England side. This seems odd because he had the time and money to play more had he chosen. He spent much time on other sports: running the three miles for Oxford, playing football for the Corinthians, hunting with the Taunton Vale.

He took part in three of the most remarkable matches ever played: those two Tests in 1902 and Somerset's win at Leeds in 1901. Yorkshire were then considered unbeatable and in fact lost only two matches in three seasons (both to Somerset). Yorkshire led by 238 on the first innings. Palairet and Braund put on 222 for the first wicket when Somerset batted again. Palairet scored 173, Somerset 630, and Yorkshire were beaten by 279 runs.



Palairet: man of the perpendicular bat

He had a younger brother, Richard, who also played for Somerset, though nothing like so well. He became, however, secretary of Lancashire, and joint manager, with Warner, of the MCC side to Australia in the "bodyline" tour.

Lionel was the taller, broader, more commanding man, though he does not seem to have liked captaincy much. H. S. Altham saw him score many runs and wrote in 1926: "Even now I can recapture something of a thrill when I recall that glorious off drive, with a flight like a good cleek shot, swimming over the low white railing on the Taunton ground".

It is interesting that both Fry and Altham compare the Lionel Palairet drive to golf shots. Altham ends: "From the day on which I first saw it, his Harlequin cap took on the colour of all earthly ambition!" This is a remarkable tribute from a man usually careful and sparing in his praise.

Alan Gibson

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

WEST HILL: Father and Sons Foursomes: First Round: K and G Peers bt M S and J M T Warman, 2 holes; T F and M P Daniels bt C J and P A Freeston, 1 hole; F R and J M R Lockhart bt F G and G B F Hennessy, 6 and 5; R D and D T Marr bt A and G P Beurschier, 4 and 3; M J and L J Christmas bt M A P and N F Gay, 5 and 4; D F R and A M A Lord bt R S and S F Cox, 3 and 1; C P and G C Scott-Malden bt T L and A L Robinson, 2 and 1; J and D Niven bt J J and C J Martin, 6 and 5.

D I and D J Stark bt K and G Newman, 1 hole; J S and W F S Taylor bt E and C Coker, 2 holes; E G and R J G Hurst bt G and N Carter, 4 and 3; G F and J F Abercrombie bt R G and J R W G Smith, 1 hole; J G and R J Stevens bt I A and A I Maclaren, 1 hole; R W and M Elliott bt J M D and N J Grant, 2 holes; J K and J K Tullis bt J A and P A Murphy, 4 and 3; A E and R J Oakes bt G and J F Fletcher, 4 and 3.

R G and R P Seaver bt R and I Attoe, 2 and 1; J G and B M Eckersley Hope bt G and A Goodrich, 6 and 5; W A and N J Tait bt J A and M C C Clark, 1 hole; S and I A D White bt R J and C N R Coombes, 5 and 4; D E and P D Anderson bt C and D Clark, 4 and 3; D C and J D Dixon bt J D and B W Pepper, 6 and 5; D and P Goodliffe bt A C and M C Bryant, at 19th; J N T and A J Hutton, bt O and R E L Logan 5 and 4.

D and A Kniff-Jones bt J R F and A J de G Adams, 1 hole; C E and T M Hadin bt A O and R O Jones 1 hole; A J and P R Pentecost bt A J and G P Sidrington, at 19th; P J P and C P C Donald bt A T and R N A Wood, 1 hole; R and M Elsdon-Dew bt P F and M S Drye, 2 and 1; J and A Baldwin bt H W and A W Bailey, 3 and 2; H and A B Bevan-Jones bt P and D Story, 2 and 1; R A and D A Wood bt G F and D S Clark 6 and 5.

TENNIS

AIX-EN-PROVENCE: Golden Racket Grand Prix Tournament, men's singles, first round: G Moreton (Fr) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; P Elter (WG) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-1, 7-5; A Ganzabal (Arg) bt R Vasselin (Fr), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; V Pecci bt C Motta (Br), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

SNOOKER

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: D Reynolds bt R Edmonds, 10-6; S Francisco (SA) bt W Kelly (Ire), 10-4; M Hallett bt W King (Aus), 10-6.

TENNIS

AMELIA ISLAND: WTA Championship, first round (US unless stated): W White bt H Sukova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; M Jausovec (Yugo) bt L Arraya (Peru), 6-3, 6-2; C Kohde (WG) bt M Mesker (Neth), 6-3, 6-4; C Bassett (Can) bt V Nelson, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; Duk Hee Lee (S Korea) bt C Gilbert, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; M Torres bt B Hallquist 6-3, 6-1; L Allen bt P Medrado (Br), 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; P Casale bt A White, 6-3, 6-3; A Moulton bt R Fairbank (SA), 6-2, 6-1; K Tanvier bt K Latham, 6-4, 6-0; M Maleeva (Bul) bt E Nagelsen, 6-3, 6-2; K Horvath bt S Collins, 6-4, 7-6.

LOS ANGELES: Grand Prix tournament, first round (US unless stated): S Smith bt V Amaya, 6-4, 6-1; R Tanner bt Tom Gullikson, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt J Fillol (Chile), 7-6, 6-1; P Lehnoff bt M Doyle (Ire), 6-4, 7-6; M Estep bt B Manson, 7-6, 6-4; T Wattke bt B Gilbert, 6-2, 6-2; M Freeman bt R Acuna (Chile), 7-6, 6-2; T Cain bt J Borwiak, 6-3, 6-2; E Fromm bt D Gitlin, 6-4, 6-2; F Buehning bt F Fleming, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; B Willenborg bt R Simpson (NZ), 7-6, 6-2; S Walts bt L Bourne, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; T Wilkison bt H Solomon, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City Royals 6, Boston Red Sox 2; California Angels 6, Seattle Mariners 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 4, San Diego Padres 0; Cincinnati Reds 5, Chicago Cubs 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Houston Astros 3.

CURLING

REGINA, Canada: Men's world championships: Canada 6, Denmark 3; Austria 7, Italy 6; Scotland 7, United States 6; Sweden 6, Norway 5; West Germany 8, Switzerland 4.

Peacetime camp prepared for victory march

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Peacetime, Ivano, Be My Native and Count Pahlen stood their ground overnight, so the group three Earl of Sefton Stakes promises to be the most interesting race at Newmarket today – no matter what some may say about the European Free Handicap, which is being sponsored by Ladbrokes for the first time.

Peacetime, Ivano and Count Pahlen all won classic trials last spring. Be My Native was not far behind the best of his age, as was borne out by his excellent effort towards the end of August at Arlington Park, near Chicago, where he was runner-up to Perrault in the Budweiser Million.

My best news concerns Peacetime, who is said to be going like a bomb at Beckhampton where he is trained by Jeremy Tree, whose early forays this spring have already met with considerable success. Peacetime is also the form horse in today's select field of seven.

When he won the Guardian Classic Trial at Sandown towards the end of last April, Peacetime beat Be My Native by two lengths; what he did then, he should manage again. A victory at Goodwood much later in the season proved beyond doubt that the operation that he had in July to improve his breathing was a complete success.

For the record Peacetime also beat Ivano by a length when they clashed in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood in May. Prior to that Ivano had won both the Dee Stakes at Chester and the Gerry Feilden Memorial Stakes over today's course and distance at this meeting, so Peacetime's best form stands up well under scrutiny.

The Irish Challenger, Stanerra, would be a fly in the ointment at today's weights if she were to run as well as she did against Time Charter here in the autumn. However, Peacetime is preferred in the belief that he has come to himself already this spring in spite of the vile weather, just as he did at much the same time 12 months ago. Peacetime is a confident selection.

The field for this year's Free Handicap is the smallest since it began in 1929. Having come up with the answer 12 months ago, thanks to a herculean effort on the part of Lester Piggott on Matchwinner, Henry Cecil is hot on the trail of success again, this time with Salieri, whose only defeat last year was at York in August when he found Gorytus much too good, albeit at a difference of 7lb.

Afterwards Salieri won the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury. Caught now in that sort of form – and our Newmarket correspondent tells me that he has been going really well at home recently – Salieri will take some pegging back. Yet, in this instance, I prefer Able Albert, whose encouraging race against Proclaim and Drumalis at Leicester last month could give him the edge on fitness.

In the meantime both Proclaim and Drumalis have lent their weight to Able Albert's chance by winning at Salisbury and at Capannelle in Italy respectively. Considering that the race at Leicester was his first since last May, it was all the more encouraging. Able Albert ran up a sequence of victories last spring and looked ripe for even greater glory at Royal Ascot until a setback in training denied him the chance.

Blinkers are being put on Cause Celebre for the first time in public today and they will certainly need to have a telling effect after his disappointing performance at Lingfield Park last Saturday. I suspect not only his temperament, but also his ability to stay seven furlongs in a truly-run race. A more infectious tip locally is Boom Town Charlie, who *is trained by Bill O'Gorman*.

Contenders for this season's sprinters championship will be out and about at Newmarket as well as at Haydock Park. At Newmarket, Famous Star, the winner of last year's Ayr Gold Cup, should win the Abernant Stakes if he confirms his recent Doncaster form with Camisite and Jester.

A better field overall will do battle at Haydock for the Field Marshal Stakes. Twelve months ago this prize was won by Chellaston Park, who gave another of her typically game performances at Royal Ascot later in the season when she was runner-up to Fearless Lad in the King's Stand Stakes. They are in opposition again this afternoon, along with Tatibah, who ended last season with a victory in the Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot where the ground was every bit as soft as it is likely to be this afternoon.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Haydock: None. Hamilton: 2.45 Shikanum, 3.45 State Trooper. Newmarket: 3.10 Cause Celebre.

RACING: 2,000 GUINEAS PICTURE BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE



Muscatite holds the challenge of Spanish Place in Newmarket's Craven Stakes

Danzatore's extra tour of duty

By Michael Seely

Danzatore, the 6-4 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, runs in the McCairn's Trial Stakes at Phoenix Park on Saturday. Vincent O'Brien's unbeaten Northern Dancer colt tired when winning over nine furlongs at the first meeting on the Dublin course and is thought likely to benefit from another race before Newmarket.

Other news on the Guineas front at Newmarket yesterday came from Henry Cecil. The champion trainer is still hopeful that Diesis will be in the line-up for the first of the colts' classics. "Diesis was stiff when let out of his box this morning. But he warmed up after 10 minutes and worked beautifully," Cecil said. Lord Howard de Walden, the owner, added that his full brother to Kris would be galloped with The Fort this morning.

The Fort is one of 12 acceptors for Saturday's Clerical-Medical Greenham Stakes at Newbury. After Lyphard's Special misfired for Guy Harwood when trailing in last behind Muscatite in the Craven Stakes, the Sussex trainer said that Proclaim might also run at Newbury – "I shall have to see how he has taken his Salisbury race. But it might be a good idea to strike while the iron is hot." All Systems Go, Wassl and Clachan are other likely starters for this well-established trial.

Saturday's racing is clearly going to be important as far as the future is concerned. But little knowledge was gleaned from the style of Muscatite's narrow defeat of Spanish Place and Guns of Navarone. The well-thought-of Tolomeo finished fourth after looking dangerous a furlong from home, but Lyphard's Special was 12 lengths further away in last place. "That was too bad to be true," Harwood said about the 5-4 favourite.

The poet who wrote: "Oh, to be in England now that April's here" was clearly not a racing man. However, despite the recent bitter weather, all five runners, with the exception of Spanish Place, looked well forward in condition. You could not fault the courage and stamina shown by Muscatite. It was just that he took a long time to find his stride before Brian Taylor sent him past Spanish Place close home to win by a neck. "This is the best three-year-old I have ever trained", Jeremy Hindley said, "but Muscatite takes his time before quickening, and he races like a stayer. Unfortunately, although we have seen some good mile-and-a-quarter horses by Habitat, I can't think of one that stayed further".

Barry Hills has no firm plans in mind for the runner-up, Spanish Place. "He had foot problems last year. That is why he had only the one race, when he won at Newmarket in the autumn. I hadn't thought of him as a classic colt. But, of course, if he improves a lot as a result of this race, we'll have to think seriously about it. The Lambourn trainer went on to complete a double when Top Creator proved himself a leading candidate for the Chester Cup, with a 12-length victory in the Swaffham Handicap.

Another Berkshire trainer, Henry Candy, had his first success of the season when Shore Line proved too strong for Floating Petal in the Elveden Maiden Stakes. Henry Candy said that Robert Barnett's full sister to Quay Line would now try to go one better than the same owner's Time Charter, who finished runner-up to On the House in last year's 1,000 Guineas.

Candy added that last season's Oaks and Champion Stakes winner, Time Charter, was working well, but that she was still backward in her coat – "I hope that she will be ready to run in the Westbury Stakes at Sandown". The trainer's Ascot Gold Cup hope, Centroline, goes for the John Porter Stakes at Newbury on Saturday.

Newmarket stables won the other three races. Gavin Pritchard-Gordon was pleasantly surprised by the ease of Bold Secret's victory in the Stetchworth Stakes. "He had a rotten time last season. He coughed, struck into himself and had an attack of ringworm. Bold Secret also had to be castrated", the trainer said. John Winter proved that his two-year-olds were in form when Novello sprinted six lengths clear of Mingash in the Stuntney Maiden Stakes. And, finally, Bruce Hobbs had his second winner of the season when Salvinia just beat the penalized One O'Clock Jump

Gaselee to fly high on Another Breeze

By Dick Hinder

With Keengaddy almost carried out by a loose horse at the Canal Turn in the Grand National and Hareseugh narrowly beaten in the Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle, Saturday's Liverpool programme was not a cause for celebration in Nick Gaselee's stable. Seasoned trainers philosophically accept the changing fortunes of racing and today, in Ascot's most valuable event, the Pearce Duff Novices' Handicap Steeplechase, Another Breeze should help to redress the balance for the Upper Lambourn yard.

Another Breeze was in a challenging position when she fell two fences out in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham and last week the eight-year-old daughter of Deep Run ran Gallaher to two lengths at Ascot, despite making a hash of the last fence. Jim Wilson, her regular rider, did well to stay in the saddle that day and, with a foot-perfect round, Another Breeze looks capable of beating a small, but select, field which includes Lord Leighton, Young Dusky and Solid Rock.

Gaselee's near-neighbour, Nicky Henderson, will be hoping Asmar can complete a treble in the three-mile Alpine Meadow Handicap Hurdle, but the Josh Gifford-trained You're Welcome, who belied his odds of 25-1 with a promising second to Sandalay at the last Ascot meeting, is preferred.

All the runners in the Royal Fern Novices' Chase have been placed over fences this season, without winning, as a condition of entry. Membridge, who just failed to hold Herr Capitan's storming challenge at Chepstow, has a sporting chance to break his duck.

Fred Winter's Aces Wild, after a lengthy absence, competes in handicap company for the first time in the Trillium Handicap Hurdle and is worth following. Mr Mellors can recover winning form in the Mahonia Hunters Chase.

POINT-TO-POINT

No holding Nostradamus

By Ian Reid

The Heythrop's traditional four-mile race for the Lord Ashton of Hyde Cup, run over the hunt's new course at Dunthrop Farm, near Chipping Norton, yesterday was won impressively by John Sumner's Nostradamus, confidently ridden by Ian McKie. Athenmore Lass was second and More Culture, who had beaten Nostradamus at Lockinge on Easter Monday, third.

The three miles and a half ladies' open produced an exciting finish between the outsiders in a field of 14. The grey Starsky, ridden by Elsie Mitchell, led almost from the start and held off the fast-finishing Impudence by half a length. Seine Bay, the disappointing favourite, was eight lengths away third.

The riders were delighted by the new course. Mrs Mitchell said it was the best she had ever ridden over – "More like a racecourse".

Jenny Pidgeon's sequence of eight winners was brought to an end when Zarajeff was beaten by Casket in the RA ladies open at Larkhill last Saturday. Belinda Cooper set a scorching gallop on the grey mare. Zarajeff got to within a length of her at the third last, where he made a mistake and never threatened thereafter. Casket won by eight lengths in the fast time of 6min 10sec.

Irish Shamrock, the hot favourite, and Mr Batnac soon had the men's open to themselves. Carrying 7lb penalty, Irish Shamrock led from five out and was four lengths ahead at the last where his rider, Alan Walter, lost an iron. Taking full advantage of his rival's inability to ride a finish, Guy Landau made a valiant effort to close the gap on Mr Batnac, but was still a length adrift at the post.

Windfall Penny, ridden by David Dando and backed down from 5-1 to 2-1, landed the gamble impressively in a field of 18 for the restricted open, with the favourite, Eight Ball, placed fourth.

At Horseheath the Puckeridge and Thurlow ladies open, an Albright and Wilson qualifier, was won by Parity, who had taken the PPOA members' race at Dingley on Easter Saturday. Lucy Gibbon brought Aingers Green with a long, late run that took her to within two lengths of the winner, with Castelira eight lengths away third in a field of 14.

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Jedforest at Friars Hough (4.0); East Devon at Ottery St Mary (2.0).

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS Gold Cup, Royal Ascot: Protection Racket. Ladbroke Chester Cup Handicap Chester: Viennese Waltz. Mecca-Dante Stakes York: Bay City Roller, Virginia Deer. Haydock Park Spring Trophy Haydock: The Sun God, Super Entente, Thug. Jockey Club Stakes Newmarket: Say Primula. All engagements (dead): Rigby Lane, Golden Pin, Headline, Harty Fishell, Lewaston, Border Incident, Last Gift, Kayber, There About, Mountain Gorge, Hawkbarrow.

TENNIS

A head older than its years

By Lewine Mair

After an opening day of rain, overnight frost played havoc with the shale courts at the Edgbaston Archery Club and it was not until lunchtime that first-round matches got under way in the 16-and-under British hard court championships, sponsored by Prudential.

With a day and a half's play lost, the girls were quickly uplifted and taken to nearby Tally Ho. There, in a cruelly swirling wind, none among the competitors was at her best; but there was a heroic performance from Amanda Brasher who, in winning 4-6, 7-6, 7-5 against Clare Abbott, of Berkshire, saved no fewer than six match points.

Anne Simpkin, the 14-and-under hard court champion, yesterday did to the fourth seed what she had done to the seventh seed in the 18-and-under championships at Wimbledon a week ago.

In defeating Ruth Charlton 7-6, 6-2 to provide the only upset of the first round among the boys and the girls, Miss Simpkin moved particularly well on the slippery surface and, in the testing conditions, used her head better than many an older girl.

Miss Charlton, a tall, rangy competitor who can look marvellously athletic about the court, was having trouble on her forehand wing, all too often taking the ball late.

There have been many occasions when one has come across little Linda Harley giving a bigger and more illustrious competitor a real fight. Yesterday Miss Harley had something of a shock in losing her opening set 6-1 to the little-known Veronica Asquith, of Yorkshire. Miss Asquith, a tall, well-built girl, did some sterling work at the net before eventually taking fright.

Christine Gillies, of Hampshire, put an end to an inspired Easter run by Sue McCarthy, of Avon. Miss McCarthy, who followed her win in the 14-and-under grand finals at the David Lloyd tennis centre by winning the 16-and-under and 14-and-under singles in the Bristol junior tournament, yesterday picked up only one game. A disappointing result but not one to worry about.

Champion comeback

Los Angeles (Reuter) – Stan Smith, of the United States, a former Wimbledon champion, rolled back the years with a straight-sets win over Victor Amaya, his compatriot, in the first round of the $255,000 Pacific Southwest Open.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Threat of boycott removed

There will be no change in the Commonwealth Games Council's code of conduct until at least next year. When the council's advisory committee met in London today the code, which calls for a total ban on sporting links with South Africa was not discussed.

Peter Heatly, the Commonwealth Games Federation chairman, said he knew that England had proposed *alterations to the code but they* would not be discussed until the full assembly in Los Angeles next summer.

The immediate threat of a boycott of the next Games in Edinburgh in 1886 is therefore lifted. But with England's Rugby Union team considering playing in South Africa next summer and MCC being asked to send a team to the republic this winter, it promises to be only a temporary respite before the anti-apartheid lobby start again.

The main topic today was a report from the newly-formed finace committee. "We want to find ways of easing the financial burden on organizing committees," Mr Heatly said. "The Commonwealth Games are all about the small countries and we don't want them to be under any burden."

GYMNASTICS

Soviet fall-out at Wembley

Soviet gymnasts have withdrawn from the Champions All international tournament at Wembley on Saturday. The event, which is in its fourteenth year, is one of the three leading World competitions, but the Soviet Union have not, in recent years, won a gold medal.

The competing countries will be: Cuba, United States, China, East Germany, Japan, Canada, Bulgaria and Britain. Cuba are favourites for gold medals in the men's competition and Bulgaria in the women's.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Second Division: Derby v Charlton.

Scottish Second division: Albion v Cowdenbeath; Meadowbank Thistle v Stranraer.

Youth international: England v Belgium (Birmingham).

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Maidstone v Worcester.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham v Corby; Welling United v Hastings. Midland division: Sutton Coldfield v Cheltenham. Southern division: Dover v Ashford; Folkestone v Andover.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Chesham v Metropolitan. Second division: Barton Rovers v Corinthian Casuals; Molesey v Egham.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: FA XI v AFA (at Enfield).

ARMY CHALLENGE CUP: Final: REME Bordon v 28 Amph Eng Regt (Aldershot).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Morecambe v Matlock; Southport v Grantham.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Wolverhampton (7.0); Blackpool v West Brom (7.0); Bury v Liverpool. Second division: Sunderland v Bolton.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Leicester v Oxford (2.15); Norwich v Crystal Palace; Reading v Birmingham.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Cross Keys (7.15); Bristol v Exeter (7.15); Ebbw Vale v Maesteg (7.10); Newport v Pontypool (7.15); Pontypridd v Abertillery (7.0); Wasps v London Welsh (5.45).

FLOODLIT SEVENS: Matches at Roehampton (5.0).

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Penryn v Launceston.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern v Workington; Carlisle v Warrington; Featherstone Rovers v Wigan (6.30); Leeds v Hull.

SECOND DIVISION: Hunslet v Swinton (Dewsbury); York v Huyton (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: ABA national championships – semi-finals (at Guildhall, Preston).

GOLF: Father and Son foursomes (West Hill GC).

RACKETS: Open Singles (at Queen's Club).

Newmarket

Draw no advantage

Tote Double 3.10 and 4.10. Treble 2.35, 3.40 and 4.40

[Television (ITV) 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races]

2.00 BARTLOW STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £2,401: 5f) (5 runners)

102 DAMKINA (Mrs P Hastings) R Sheather 8-11 .... R Cochrane 2
104 GENTLE GYPSY (J Prenn) J Winter 8-11 .... B Taylor 5
105 8 JANICOLANE (J Somers) R Hannon 8-11 .... – 4
107 4 NELLIE BLY (Mrs R Hutchinson) M H Easterby 8-11 .... M Birch 3
108 NIGHT OF WIND (P Durkan) M McCormack 8-11 .... P Eddery 1

7-4 Nellie Bly, 5-2 Janicolane, 4 Night Of Wind, 5 Gentle Gypsy, 7 Damkina.

2.35 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES (Group III: £14,710: 1m 1f) (7)

201 300230- BE MY NATIVE (K Hsu) R Armstrong 4-8-13 .... S Cauthen 4
202 14000- COUNT PAHLEN (C) (Mrs A Villar) B Hobbs .... G Baxter 3
203 410011- FARIOFFA (C) (P de Bour) L Cumani 4-8-13 .... B Raymond 5
204 1/1133- IVANO (C) (C d'Alessio) H Cecil 4-8-13 .... L Piggott 7
205 11041- PEACETIME (Beckhampton) J Tree 4-8-13 .... P Eddery 2
206 122103- BALI DANCER (B) (J Pearce) M Stoute 4-8-10 .... W R Swinburn 1
208 334204 STANERRA (F Dunne) F Dunne (Ire) 5-8-7 .... T Ives 6

11-4 Peacetime, 3 Ivano, 9-2 Be My Native, 6 Count Pahlen, 8 Stanerra, 10 Farioffa, 14 Bali Dancer.

FORM: Be My Native (8-6) 7th beaten 28l to April Run (gave 2lb) 7 ran. Aqueduct 1m 4f stks firm Oct 23. Count Pahlen (8-10) 7th beaten 13l to Time Charter (rec 3lb) 14 ran. Newmarket 1m 2f stks good Oct 16. Farioffa (8-8) won ½l from Phebis (level) 7 ran. Milan 1m 2f stks holding Oct 16. Ivano (9-0) 3rd beaten 7½l to Dara Monarch (level) 9 ran. Ascot 1m stks good to firm June 15. Peacetime (8-10) won ½l from Cut Loose (rec 6lb) 6 ran. Goodwood 1m 2f stks good to firm Sep 3. Bali Dancer (9-6) 6th beaten 6l to Oratavo (rec 21lb) 13 ran. Newbury 1m 2f h'cap good Sep 18. Stanerra (8-11) 6th beaten 12l to Believer (rec 6lb) 14 ran. Ascot 1m 4f stks heavy Oct 9.
SELECTION: Peacetime.

3.10 LADBROKE EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £16,810: 7f) (8)

301 1121- SALIERI (C St. George) H Cecil 9-7 .... L Piggott 1
302 21110- PRINCE REYMO (R Emmitt) R Armstrong 9-5 .... P Tulk 4
303 42220-3 CAUSE CELEBRE (B) (Kais Al-Said) J Hindley 9-1 .... P Eddery 5
304 011110- ORANGE SQUASH (Roy Bishop & Son) R Smyth 9-0 .... P Young 3
305 1111-3 ABLE ALBERT (Mrs T Henson) M H Easterby 8-12 .... M Birch 8
306 011031- BOOM TOWN CHARLIE (D) (Mrs P Young) W O'Gorman 8-11 .... T Ives 6
309 1- SAVING MERCY (CD) (M Benacerraf) J Hindley 8-9 .... B Taylor 2
310 2134- PERSIAN GLORY (Lady Butt) J W Watts 8-7 .... E Hide 7

3 Salieri, 7-2 Able Albert, 5 Saving Mercy, 11-2 Boom Town Charlie, 7 Persian Glory, 10 Orange Squash, 12 Prince Reymo, 20 Cause Celebre.

FORM: Salieri (8-11) won ½l from Kafu (gave 4lb) 5 ran. Newbury 6f stks good Sep 18. Prince Reymo (8-13) 7th beaten over 12l to Horage (gave 3lb) 7 ran. Newmarket 6f stks good to firm July 7. Orange Squash (9-0) 5th beaten 7l to Tatibah (level) 9 ran. Ascot 5f stks heavy Oct 9. Boom Town Charlie (9-5) won 4l from Bid Again (rec 5lb) 8 ran. Redcar 6f stks good to soft Nov 4. Saving Mercy (8-7) won 1½l from Thessaloniki (rec 2lb) 7 ran. Newmarket 7f stks good Oct 15. Persian Glory (9-7) 4th beaten 4½l to Sangrador (rec 13lb) 14 ran. Newmarket 7f h'cap good Oct 16. Able Albert (9-1) 3rd beaten 1½l to Proclaim (level) 6 ran. Leicester 7f stks soft Mar 28.
SELECTION: Salieri

3.40 ABERNANT STAKES (£4,448: 6f) (8)

401 013110- BLUE EMMANUELLE (D) (Roldvale Ltd.) N Callaghan 4-9-12 .... L Piggott 1
402 3031-30 CAMISITE (CD) (Miss D Duval) W O'Gorman 5-9-12 .... T Ives 2
403 13210-2 FAMOUS STAR (D) (S Moubarak) M Albina 4-9-12 .... A Murray 3
405 30002-0 JESTER (CD) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-12 .... S Cauthen 5
406 01000-1 SWEET MONDAY (D) (J Redfern) J Holt 5-9-12 .... P Waldron 6
407 001030- AVONMORE WIND (D Duggal) S Mellor 4-9-9 .... G Starkey 4
408 3/332-0 TOAST OF THE TOWN (F Dunne) F Dunne (Ire) 4-8-13 .... W R Swinburn 8
411 34112- SNATCH AND RUN (Beldale Bloodstock) M Jarvis 3-8-2 .... W Carson 7

3 Famous Star, 7-2 Jester, 9-2 Camisite, 5 Sweet Monday, 6 Snatch And Run, 10 Avonmore Wind, 16 Blue Emmanuelle, 20 Toast Of The Town.

FORM: Blue Emmanuelle (8-10) 7th beaten 8l to Celestial Dancer (gave 11lb) 10 ran. Newcastle 6f h'cap good Aug 9. Snatch And Run (9-6) 2nd beaten nk to Orange Squash (rec 1lb) 6 ran. Goodwood 6f h'cap good to firm July 31. Famous Star (9-10) 2nd beaten nk to Vorvados (level) with Jester (level) 5th beaten 3½l 7 ran. Doncaster 6f stks good to soft Mar 26. Sweet Monday (8-9) won 1l from Pusey Street (rec 1lb) with Camisite (gave 4lb) 7th beaten over 15l 9 ran. Kempton 6f stks soft Apr 4. Toast Of The Town (8-8) 8th to Steel Commander (rec 1lb) 12 ran. Phoenix Park 6f h'cap soft Apr 2.
SELECTION: Famous Star

4.10 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-y-o: £4,331: 1m) (17)

502 ABSAROKE (Mrs W du Pont III) G Pritchard Gordon 9-0 .... G Duffield 15
503 AL AMEAD (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 .... B Rouse 1
505 AVABAY (Mrs V McKinney) H Collingridge 9-0 .... R Guest 17
507 BEFORE THE DAWN (D Schwartz) B Hills 9-0 .... S Cauthen 5
508 BOYNE (Dr C Vittadini) P Walwyn 9-0 .... J Mercer 13
509 BRITISH (Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-0 .... W Carson 7
510 CHILD'S GAME (E Seltzer) J Hindley 9-0 .... B Taylor 16
511 KELLATHI (Sheik Mohammed) F Durr 9-0 .... B Clements 6
512 MAJESTIC ENDEAVOUR (Sir G White) M Stoute 9-0 .... W R Swinburn 12
513 MILLFONTAINE (S Niarchos) G Harwood 9-0 .... G Starkey 8
514 NO FAULT (B Combe II) H Cecil 9-0 .... L Piggott 14
515 PURPLE FLASH (H Joel) H Cecil 9-0 .... N Day 11
517 REEFER MADNESS (Kais Al-Said) J Hindley 9-0 .... A Kimberley 3
519 SHY RAMBLER (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 .... P Eddery 2
520 VIKING JACK (Jack Ashurst) N Callaghan 9-0 .... – 4
522 PADYKIN (Lady Beaverbrook) M Jarvis 8-11 .... B Raymond 10
524 SEA RHYTHM (J Gaskin) G Fletcher 8-11 .... A Bond 9

5-2 No Fault, 4 Shy Rambler, 9-2 Millfontaine, 11-2 British, 8 Purple Haze, 10 Before The Dawn, Majestic Endeavour, 16 others.

4.45 APRIL STAKES *(3-y-o maidens: £2,939: 1m 4f) (20)*

601 0- AMERICK (Mrs M Watson-Smyth) G Harwood 9-0 .... A Clark 3 6
602 0 BELLAMUSE (Mrs J Shina) E Eldin 9-0 .... E Guest 5 2
604 0- FLEMING (Sir K Boardman) W Holden 9-0 .... B Crossley 4
606 002- GRUNDY GLOW (R Tikkoo) J Hindley 9-0 .... B Taylor 19
607 030- HARBOUR BRIDGE (Mrs R Kennard) W Wightman 9-0 .... B Rouse 15
608 HIS HONOUR (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 9-0 .... W Carson 16
610 0443- KHYBER (N Ram) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 .... G Duffield 10
611 04- KYROOTA (J Sutcliffe) M Tompkins 9-0 .... R Curant 14
613 00-0 PRINCE HENRY (W/Cmdr M Eastwood) M Tompkins 9-0 .... M Miller 18
614 0 QUIBISHAN (S/Ldr B Somerfield) B Hobbs 9-0 .... J Matthias 13
615 00- SALTATORE (Marquesa de Moratalla) B Hobbs 9-0 .... A Murray 8
617 SNEAK PREVIEW (H Gross) H Candy 9-0 .... W Newnes 20
618 SNOW MALLARD (Nimrod Co.) F Durr 9-0 .... B Clements 7
619 0- SPOT THE PATCH (Doublet Ltd.) M Haynes 9-0 .... L Piggott 11
620 0 STARAVIA (Mrs D Goldstein) F Durr 9-0 .... – 12
621 2- STRIDE (Mrs J de Rothschild) B Hobbs 9-0 .... G Baxter 1
623 004-2 TEENOSO (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 .... S Cauthen 17
624 2 THOUGHTLESS (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0 .... P Eddery 9
626 0- TOM SEYMOUR (L Freedman) M Jarvis 9-0 .... B Raymond 5
629 0-0 PRIORS CUTIE (A Madwar) A Madwar 8-11 .... P D'Arcy 3

8-4 Thoughtless, 3 His Honour, 4 Teenoso, 9-2 Stride, 8 Grundy Glow, 14 Spot The Patch, 16 Americk, 20 others.

Newmarket selections

By Michael Phillips

2.0 Gentle Gypsy. 2.35 Peacetime is a confident selection. 3.10 Able Albert. 3.40 Famous Star. 4.10 Majestic Endeavour. 4.45 Teenoso.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Damkina. 2.35 Bali Dancer. 3.10 Salieri. 3.40 Famour Star. 4.10 Majestic Endeavour. 4.45 Teenoso.

Haydock Park

Tote double: 3.15, 4.15. Treble: 2.45, 3.45, 4.45.

Draw advantage: 6f and over low.

2.15 MORNINGTON CANNON STAKES (2-y-o maiden f: £1,646: 5f) (5 runners)

2 2 BOCA RATON (L Fish) J Berry 8-11 .... S Morris 5 5
7 *MRS FEATHERS (J Byng) R Hannon 8-11* .... P Cook 1
9 4 SPARKLING SONG (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-11 .... J Reid 2
10 STREET LEVEL (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 8-11 .... R Fox 3
12 WINDCOTE (P Williams) J Berry 8-11 .... A Mercer 4

5-4 Boca Raton, 2 Sparkling Song, 6 Mrs Feathers, 7 Windcote, 16 Street Level.

2.45 FRANK WOOTTON HANDICAP (selling: £1,528: 1m 40yds) (17)

2 4330-0 WOLFIE (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 4-8-7 .... D Leadbitter 3
4 0 HOPSTONS (R Hobson) R Hobson 7-9-3 .... J Lowe 17
6 00300-1 TARLETON (P Rohan) P Rohan 8-9-2 (5 ex) .... M Hindley 7 16
7 0200-33 EYELIGHT (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 6-9-1 .... Paul Eddery 3 15
9 40000-3 ISLAND WALK (L Mullins) W Haigh 5-9-0 .... S Morris 5 14
11 0000-04 KILSYTH (B) (G Dodsworth) D Chapman 4-8-13 .... D Nicholls 4
12 000444- SOME JET (Miss P Kissock-Smith) C Crossley 5-8-13 .... – 2
15 0000/0- SHUTTLE D'OR (E Eccleston) M Chapman 5-8-12 .... D Dinsley 5
18 300/00- ARDENT WARRIOR (Mrs I Anderton) A W Jones 4-8-10 .... J Reid 10
19 20/0300- SPIKEY BILL (J Scanlon) H O'Neill 6-8-10 .... R Fox 8
20 00020-2 HANDSOME BLAZE (CD) (C Booth) C Booth 8-8-10 .... G Oldroyd 13
22 030000- RIBBIS (Mrs M Lambert) M Lambert 5-8-9 .... A Charlton 7 6
25 30000-4 DEBACH RIVER (M Chapman) M Chapman 4-8-6 .... P Robinson 12
28 343001- SID'S MOB (B) (S Dutton) J Berry 3-8-3 .... A Mercer 11
29 042000- JUST GUNNER (Mrs P Barratt) A Balding 3-8-2 .... – 1
30 0000-0 SPACE ROCKET (P Savill) M Pipe 3-8-0 .... – 9
32 00040-3 RHODONNA (Mrs R Tennant) R Hannon 3-7-13 .... A McGlone 5 7

7-2 *Rhodonna, 4 Eyelight, 5 Tarleton, 6 Handsome Blaze, 7 Island Walk, 10 Kilsyth,* 14 Wolfie, Sid's Mob, 16 others.

3.15 FREDDY FOX HANDICAP (£2,909: 1m 2f 131yds) (6)

1 014201- MEEKA GOLD (C Rowe) S Norton 4-9-10 .... J Lowe 1
2 200-000 STEEL VENTURE (A Maycock) M Ryan 4-8-10 .... – 4
3 211122- TWO HIGH (C Nicholson) R Houghton 4-8-10 .... J Reid 3
6 432124- POLAR STAR (B) (F Burmann) Thomson Jones 4-8-2 .... P Cook 6
8 200020- PRINCESS VIRGINIA (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 4-8-0 .... Paul Eddery 3 5
12 3330-31 RIDGEFIELD (R Doughty) D Thom 5-7-12 (5 ex) .... P Robinson 2

4-5 Ridgefield, 6 Two High, Meeka Gold, 7 Polar Star, Steel Venture, 16 Princess Virginia.

3.45 FIELD MARSHAL STAKES (£3,007: 5f) (8)

1 110032- FEARLESS LAD (D) (G Soulsby) R D Peacock 4-9-7 .... J Lowe 6
2 03300-4 TOUCH BOY (CD,B) (G Mullin) J Berry 7-9-4 .... S Morris 4
4 0100-33 WINTER WIND (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 7-9-1 .... – 8
5 322022- CHELLASTON PARK (CD) (Mrs C Smalley) B Hobbs 4-8-12 .... P Cook 2
6 31124-0 TOLLYMORE (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 4-8-11 .... D Gray 3
8 1001- TATIBAH (D) (Mrs A Hoffberger) R Houghton 3-8-6 .... J Reid 5
9 00000-0 SPECTACULAR SKY (N Lanygon) M Chapman 5-8-4 .... D Dinsley 7
11 31123-2 PRIVATE LABEL (D) (F. H. Lee Ltd) M Jarvis 3-8-2 .... P Robinson 1

9-4 Fearless Lad, 3 Chellaston Park, 4 Tatibah, 6 Winter Wind, 7 Touch Boy, 8 Private Label, 16 others.

4.15 NAT FLATMAN STAKES (maiden: £1,892: 1m 4f) (14)

2 44-4 BOLT THE GATE (Sir T Skyes) W C Elsey 4-9-6 .... J Reid 5
3 0/00- CITRUS (A Chadwick) D McCain 4-9-6 .... DOUBTFUL 8
4 00/ FERRIBY FLYER (M Ripley) A Smith 4-9-6 .... – 2
5 20/00- I'M VEXED (R Sangster) M W Easterby 4-9-6 .... K Hodgson 3 11
7 00/ PIANOSO (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neill 6-9-6 .... R Fox 6
8 00/00- RIFLE SHOT (M Ripley) A Smith 4-9-6 .... – 4
9 20/0020- SAYSABAN (Mrs H Mills) G Thomer 4-9-6 .... J Johnson 13
10 00000- THE BRADFORD (I Anderson) L Barratt 4-9-6 .... D Dinsley 14
11 220030- HAGEN QUEEN (B Chambers) C Crossley 4-9-3 .... – 7
12 0- RHEFFANOSA (R Dean) Miss A Sinclair 4-9-3 .... P Cook 12
13 00-3 BIRDSEDGE (C Clay) S Norton 3-8-0 .... J Lowe 10
14 0-0 JAT (J Marshall) R Hollinshead 3-8-0 .... Paul Eddery 3 3
16 0-0 SAXON FORT (Sqdn Ldr R Milsom) M Jarvis 3-8-0 .... P Robinson 9
17 00400-0 TABASCO ROYAL (Capt J Wilson) Capt J Wilson 3-8-0 .... Mark Wood 7 1

13-8 Birdsedge, 9-4 Saxon Fort, 5 Bolt The Gate, 6 Saysaban, 10 Hagen Queen, Rheffanosa, 14 others.

4.45 JOHNNY OSBORNE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,368: 6f) (6)

1 22224-0 ARDROX LAD (D) (H. E. Shaikh H Nahayan) M Blanshard 9-7 .... A McGlone 5 5
2 213214- SUPER SIOUX (D) (P Mullineaux) J Berry 9-3 .... S Morris 5 1
3 20130-0 BOTTESFORD BOY (S Goodchild) M Lambert 9-2 .... J Reid 4
5 41010-0 PRICELFLOVE (DB) (D Robinson) D Laing 8-10 .... D Nicholls 3
6 0100-01 ANNAMOE BRAY (D) (J Knowles) Capt J Wilson 8-6 (7 ex) .... W Ryan 7 2
8 00104-0 BEST BIDDER (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 7-7 .... N Carlisle 3 6

7-4 Annamoe Bray, 3 Pricelflove, 9-2 Super Sioux, 7 Bottesford Boy, 8 Ardrox Lad, Best Bidder.

Haydock Park selections

By Michael Seely

2.15 Boca Raton. 2.45 Eyelight. 3.15 Ridgefield. 3.45 Chellaston Park. 4.15 Saxon Fort. 4.45 Annamoe Brae.

Ascot NH

Tote double: 3.05, 4.10. Treble: 2.30, 3.40, 4.40

[Television (BBC1): 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40 races]

***2.0* TRILLIUM HURDLE** (handicap: £3,436: 2m) (14 runners)

2 3300 *LULAV* (D) D Nicholson 5-11-7 .... P Scudamore
3 0400 KINGS PARADE (B) G Thorner 5-11-7 .... H Davies
4 4p01 PRINCE OF BERMUDA (D) R Hartop 8-11-4 .... A Webber
5 f321 AVONDALE PRINCESS (D) M McCourt 5-11-3 (4 ex) .... G McCourt
6 3140 VELESO (DB) J King 5-11-0 .... A Webb
7 1-00f MOSSY MOORE (D) B Chinn 7-10-13 .... R Chapman 7
8 0002 KINTBURY (CD) D Nicholson 8-10-11 .... S Smith Eccles
10 211 ACES WILD (D) F Winter 5-10-10 .... B de Haan
11 0000 CLAUDE MONET (DB) D Gandolfo 5-10-7 .... P Barton
12 3024 THE AZADSTAN (D) I Dudgeon 5-10-6 .... Steve Knight
13 0201 TUDOR ROAD (D) L Kennard 8-10-06 (4 ex) .... Susan Wilton 7
14 2400 JADE AND DIAMOND (D) G Balding 5-10-5 .... B Reilly
15 2024 GARFUNKEL P Mitchell 4-10-2 .... R G Hughes
16 0200 TAKACHIHO Mrs S Lamyman 11-10-0 .... J Suthern

11-4 Lulav, 4 King's Parade, Aces Wild, 6 Avondale Princess,

2.30 ROYAL FERN CHASE (novices: £5,664: 3m) (18)

1 uf02 ANOTHER DRAGON D Nicholson 7-11-3 .... S Smith Eccles
2 f32u AUGHRA BOURA J Edwards 7-11-3 .... P Warner
3 4b03 BEE STING P Harris 7-11-3 .... K Mooney
5 0pp2 CARRIGTOHILL P O'Connor 7-11-3 .... P O'Brien
6 220p CHANCE IT T Forster 8-11-3 .... A Webber
7 *40p4 CO MEMBER T Forster 7-11-3 .... H Davies*
8 40u0 COUNTRY HOME D Gandolfo 6-11-3 .... P Barton
10 0fp3 KOGA WAY J Thorne 8-11-3 .... R Hoare
11 4p22 MEMBRIDGE P Dufosee 8-11-3 .... Mr P Hobbs 4
12 22uf NORTHERN BAY T Bill 7-11-3 .... P Hobbs
13 4203 ON TRUST J Gifford 8-11-3 .... R Rowe
15 2p2f PROFITEER R Perkins 7-11-3 .... Mr D Williams
16 3p03 ROCAMIST R Armytage 9-11-3 .... Mr M Armytage
17 233f SIR GORDON D Nicholson 8-11-3 .... P Scudamore
18 4f23 SPARTAN FLUTTER R Woodhouse 10-11-3 .... –
20 3p44 WEALTH O'WILTSHIRE R Blakeney 7-11-3 .... B de Haan
21 204u HIGH CLASS AGENT G Balding 5-10-8 .... B Reilly
22 3042 SEVEN ACRES Mrs M Babbage 5-10-8 .... Mr N Babbage

3 Bee Sting, 9-2 Aughra Boura, 11-2 Membridge, Another Dragon,

3.05 PEARCE DUFF CHASES (novices handicap: £8,077: 2m 4f) (7)

4 3113 LORD LEIGHTON (B) L Kennard 7-11-7 .... K Mooney
6 2102 SOLID ROCK (D) D Barons 7-11-6 .... H Davis
7 3430 BROADHEATH (D) D Nicholson 8-11-5 .... P Scudamore
10 23f2 ANOTHER BREEZE (D) N Gaselee 8-11-3 .... Mr A Wilson
12 3111 LORENTINO W Francis 8-10-13 (4 ex) .... R Crank
15 2431 YOUNG DUSKY F Winter 7-10-8 (ex 4) .... B De Haan
18 00/f-1 FISHLEIGH GAMBLE O Carter 8-10-0 (4 ex) .... S Smith Eccles

7-4 Another Breeze, 3 Solid Rock, Lord Leighton, 13-2 Young Dusky, 10 Broadheath, 14 Lorentino, 20 Fishleigh Gamble.

FORM: Ro's Owen (11-6) won 6l from Solid Rock (gave 3lb) 3 ran. Chepstow 2m nov chase heavy Apr 5. Lord Leighton (11-7) 3rd beaten 16l to Branding Iron (levle) 13 ran. Kempton 2m nov chase good to soft Feb 26. Another Breeze (11-3) 2nd beaten 2l to Gallaher (level) 7 ran. Ascot 2m 4f nov chase soft Apr 6. Lorentino (12-0) won 20l from Spartan Rambler (rec 21lb) 5 ran. Bangor 3m 120yd nov chase soft Mar 26. Young Dusky (11-4) won 12l from Glenjade (level) 10 ran. Towcester 2m 50yd nov chase heavy Apr 4. Fishleigh Gamble (10-2) won easily 20l from Dingbat (gave 17lb) 6 ran. Newton Abbot 2m 5f h'cap chase good to soft Apr 2. SELECTION: Fishleigh Gamble.

3.40 ALPINE MEADOW HURDLE (handicap: £4,556: 3m) (£2)

1 0030 DONEGAL PRINCE (C) P Kelleway 7-12-2 .... P Tuck
2 p300 SHELL BURST (CD) L Kennard 8-11-7 .... R Linley
4 0244 RISING FALCON (C) Lady Herries 11-10-13 .... A Webber
5 1310 MASTER ANDREW (C) F Walwyn 8-10-12 .... W Smith
6 1211 ASMAR (D) N Henderson 7-10-11 (4 ex) .... C Mann 4
7 3100 BRASS CHANGE (CD) I Dudgeon 5-10-8 .... Steve Knight
9 1f22 YOU'RE WELCOME J Gifford 7-10-2 .... R ROWE
12 2fp3 RECKLESS PHILIP (D) A Jarvis 8-10-0 .... J Burke
13 2012- ATHFORD O Carter 7-10-0 .... P Barton
15 2f03 LE SARTHOIS Mrs S Davenport 6-10-0 .... P Scudamore
16 10-pp CHEVINGTON J South 6-10-0 .... P Nicholls 4
17 popp MISTY BAY Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-0 .... J Suthern

5-2 You're Welcome, 7-2 Asmar, 5 Master Andrew, 15-2 Rising Falcon, 10 Donegal Prince, Shell Burst, 14 Brass Change, 20 others.

FORM: Donegal Prince (12-0) not in first 9 to Gaye Brief (level) 17 ran. Cheltenham 2m hdle good to soft Mar 15. You're Welcome (11-0) 2nd beaten 2½l to Sandalay (gave 3lb) with Shell Burst (gave 2lb) 6th beaten 15½l 11 ran. Ascot 3m hdle soft Apr 6. Asmar (10-11) won 2½l from Great Developer (rec 3lb) 10 ran. Chepstow 3m h'cap hurdle heavy Apr 5. Rising Falcon (11-1) 4th beaten 10½l to Forgive N'Forget (gave 5lb) 23 ran. Cheltenham 3m 1f h'cap hdle good to soft Mar 16. Reckless Philip (11-0) 3rd beaten 24l to Tracys Special (gave 7lb) 15 ran. Nottingham 2m 6f nov chase good Mar 22. SELECTION: You're Welcome.

4.10 MAHONIA HUNTERS' CHASE (amateurs: £2,360: 2m 4f) (14)

1 1242 DANCING BRIG (CD) T Clay 12-12-1 .... –
2 00-40 INTEGRATION E Retter 9-12-1 .... DOUBTFUL
3 1p0/p- KEY BISCAYNE Mrs G Giddings 9-12-1 .... J White 7
4 3-01b MR MELLORS (CD) Mrs A Villar 10-12-1 .... S Sherwood 4
8 4000- SOCKS (D) Miss L Aitken 10-12-1 .... Miss L Aitken 7
9 f/3-11 SONG OF LIFE (D) P Greenall 8-12-1 .... P Greenall
12 04-pp WASHINGTON HEIGHTS A Everett 8-12-1 .... A Scott 7
14 00-03 CHICHESTER BIRD Miss P O'Connor 9-11-11 .... Miss B Saunders
16 234p GOLD CHIEF H Morrell 9-11-11 .... Capt G Prest 7
18 u/14p MISTY CHIME Mrs L Jephson 8-11-11 .... Mrs R Vickery 7
19 b1 OPTOMISM J Castle 8-11-11 .... R Mann 4
21 ff-p3 LIQUIDATION T King 8-11-7 .... –
22 0 SARLINON W Haynes 12-11-7 .... T Nicholls 7
23 0/fp-p THE SPUT CENTRE J South 11-11-7 .... M Low 4

7-4 Mr Mellors, 5-2 Sont Of Life, 5 Dancing Brig, 8 Chichester Bird,

4.40 LILY TREE HURDLE (novices: £2,972: 2m 4f) (14)

1 1132 GAMBIR (C) D Nicholson 5-11-12 .... P Scudamore
2 311 ANGEL BANK J Edwards 6-11-8 .... P Warner
4 1330 DUKE OF MILAN (C) N Gaselee 6-11-8 .... S Smith Eccles
6 4230 FLYING OFFICER M Pipe 6-11-8 .... R Dennis 4
7 4240 KARICI BOY M Delahooke 8-11-8 .... J H Davies 4
8 4120 LEAN AR AGHAIDH S Mellor 6-11-8 .... M Perrett
13 424-3 PATMORE G Balding 6-11-8 .... B Reilly
16 0009 RIGHT DIAMOND (B) M Rawlings 6-11-8 .... D Hyde 4
21 1000 APERITIVO R Atkins 5-11-7 .... R Atkins
23 1 BARRETTS HILL P Bailey 5-11-7 .... R Linley
27 p0 KINGHOLM QUAY Lady Herries 5-11-7 .... A Webber
29 2110 QUEEN'S RIDE Mrs J Pitman 5-11-7 .... C Brown
30 3221 SUN RISING F Walwyn 5-11-7 .... W Smith
32 040p WORDEL Mrs R Murdoch 5-11-7 .... R Goldstein

2 Sun Rising, 11-4 Gambir, 5 Queen's Ride, 13-2 Angel Bank,

Ascot selections

By Dick Hinder

2.0 Aces Wild. 2.30 Membridge. 3.5 Another Breeze. 3.40 You're Welcome. 4.10 Mr Mellors. 4.40 Sun Rising.

Hamilton Park

Draw advantage: middle to high numbers best

2.15 TULLIETUDLEM STAKES (2-y-o selling: £622: 5f) (4 runners)

1 BURBURIDGE KING ST N Tinkler 8-11 .... L Charnock 4
3 EASKER HOUSE R Stubbs 8-11 .... J H Brown 5 2
5 2 BLACKPOOL BELLE J Berry 8-8 .... K Darley 1
6 0 MISS ENRYCO M Tompkins 8-8 .... A Mackay 3 3

5-4 Blackpool Belle, 2 Esker House, 3 Miss Enryco, 10 Burbridge King St.

2.45 DOLPHINTON STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £819: 5f) (8)

1 BAKERS DOUBLE (R Hollinshead) 8-11 .... S Perks 2
2 0 FOOLISH FLING H Blackshaw 8-11 .... Tiziana Sozzi 4
3 HARDWICK AMBER J Jefferson 8-11 .... M Wood 8
4 LA PRIMA J Berry 8-11 .... S Horsfall 7 1
5 LAURA'S CHOICE J S Wilson 8-11 .... K Darley 5
7 LOCH LOVER R Allen 8-11 .... C Dwyer 6
8 3 MENDRICK ADVENTURE Denys Smith 8-11 .... M Fry 5 3
11 0 SHIKANUM (B) R Stubbs 8-11 .... J H Brown 5 7

6-4 Mendick Adventure, 5-2 Foolish Fling, 5 Baker's Double,

3.15 STRATHAVEN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £959: 5f)

2 00-30 CAPTAIN TEMPEST T Barron 9-7 .... S Webster 5
3 002-0 KYNASTON J Berry 9-6 .... K Darley 3
6 230-4 PRINCESS NAVARRO (B) R Stubbs 8-6 .... J H Brown 5 1
7 02-10 SUPER WARRIOR (D) K Ivory 8-0 (7 ex) .... P Howard 5 2
8 000-0 RAPID LADY (D) Mrs M Nesbitt 7-11 .... S P Griffiths 7 4

7-4 Super Warrior, 5-2 Princess Navarro, 7-2 Kynaston, 5 Captain Tempest, 10 Rapid Lady.

3.45 HOUSTON HANDICAP (£1,352: 1m 40yd) (10)

3 200-3 ROMOSS R Whitaker 5-9-7 .... K Darley 2
4 0/044 STATE TROOPER (B) R Stubbs 6-9-6 .... J H Brown 5 6
7 000-3 SOUTHERN DANCER J Parkes 4-8-5 .... S Webster 9
8 10-02 SCARLET TOWN (CD) R Hollinshead 5-9-4 .... S Perks 4
13 4300- PRINCE REVIEWER A W Jones 5-8-11 .... J Bleasdale 5
14 00-01 ELIZA DE RICH (D) Denys Smith 6-8-11 (8 ex) .... M Fry 5 6
17 2040- GLENSIDE LADY (B) K Ivory 4-8-2 .... – 1
21 1000- OCHIL HILLS STAR Mrs A Bell 10-7-10 .... L Charnock 3
22 0110- FAIRHAM (CD) E Carter 3-7-7 .... Wendy Carter 7 10
23 011-3 HELDIGVIS (CD) R Allan 3-7-7 .... S P Griffiths 7 7

2 Eliza De Rich, 7-2 Romoss, 5 State Trooper, 10 Southern Dancer, Heldigvis, Prince Review, 14 others.

4.15 ROBERTON STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £637: 1m 40yd) (10)

3 3 BIG OAR S Norton 9-0 .... C Olivier 5 10
4 00- GUN-CARRIAGE A W Jones 9-0 .... J Bleasdale 5
6 002-4 MISTER ACCORD C Bell 9-0 .... J Seagrave 7
7 024-0 MONSANTO LAD K Stone 9-0 .... C Dwyer 4
8 000-3 MOUNT RULE R Hollinshead 9-0 .... S Perks 8
9 00-0 THARALEOS F Watson 9-0 .... M Fry 3
10 000- TOP TOUCH J Berry 9-0 .... S Horsfall 7 9
13 0000- DOMICILE Don E Incisa 8-11 .... J H Brown 5 1
14 4000- HARDWICK EAGLE J Jefferson 8-11 .... M Wood 6
15 03- LADENDA J W Watts 8-11 .... N Connorton 3 6

5-2 Big Oar, 7-2 Mount Rule, Ladenda, 8 Top Touch,

4.45 DOUGLAS WATER STAKES (maidens: £699: 1m 5f) (11)

2 0/00- BARRYPHILIPS DISCO R Whitaker 6-9-0 .... S Perks 6
3 0000- BOY SANDFORD C Bell 4-9-0 .... S Webster 11
4 0- CAMERONIAN LAD J S Wilson 4-9-0 .... K Darley 8
6 4033- LOCHLINNHE Miss S Hall 4-9-0 .... – 5
7 0400- ON THE WARPATH C Thornton 4-9-0 .... J Bleasdale 10
8 0d43/ PALMERO K Stone 6-9-0 .... M Wigham 3
10 000/0- STRIKE AGAIN F Watson 5-9-0 .... M Fry 5 2
11 FIDESSA W H Williams 7-8-11 .... C Dwyer 9
12 00-0 FLAMINGO GARDENS J Etherington 4-8-11 .... J Seagrave 4
13 0422- LINE ABREAST S Norton 4-8-11 .... C Olivier 5 7
14 0000- VIOLINO DORO E Carter 4-8-11 .... Wendy Carter 7 1

5-2 Lochlinnhe, 7-2 Line Abreast, 5 On The Warpath, 8 Palmero,

Hamilton selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Blackpool Belle, 2.45 Foolish Fling, 3.15 Kynaston, 3.45 Scarlet Town, 4.15 Big Oar, 4.45 On The Warpath.

Newmarket results

Going: Good to soft

2.0 (2.2) STETCHWORTH STAKES (3-y-o: *maidens: £2,527: 6f)*

BOLD SECRET b g by Auction Ring – Whispering Star (I Stewart-Brown) 9-0 .... G Duffield (14-1) 1
Conrad Hilton .... L Piggott (13-8 Fav) 2
Kalyoub .... J Reid (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: *£10.20. Places: £1.20, £1.10,* £2.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £34.41. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. 6l, 8l. The House Builder (3-1) 4th. 9 ran. 1m 17.54s.

2.35 (2.36) LADBROKE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,947: 7f)

SALVINIA ch f, by Mount Hagen – Aswellas (Marquesa de Moratalla) 8-10 .... G Baxter (7-2 Jt Fav) 1
One O'Clock Jump .... P Eddery (7-2 Jt Fav) 2
Mator10 .... G Duffield (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.70. Places: £1.60, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £4.10. CSF: £13.87. Tricast: £47.15. B Hobbs at Newmarket. ½l, 8l. Riverside Artist (25-1) 4th. 11 ran. 1m 32.12s.

3.05 (3.11) CRAVEN STAKES (3-y-o: c & g.: £10,937: 1m)

MUSCATITE b c by Habitat – Takette (K Al-Said) 8-7 .... B Taylor (7-2) 1
Spanish Place .... S Cauthen (8-1) 2
Guns of Navarone .... P Robinson (25-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.20. Places: £2.90, £3.70. DF: £18.10. CSF: £22.56. J Hindley at Newmarket. Nk, 1l. Lyphards Special 11-8 Fav. Tolomeo (11-4) 4th. 5 ran. 1m 47.23s.

3.40 (3.45) SWAFFHAM HANDICAP (£2,882: 1m 6f)

TOP CREATOR b c by High Line – Cornedor (Sir E Harrison) 4 9 1 .... S Cauthen (10-1) 1
Red Field .... E Johnson (11-2) 2
Receptist .... N Connorton (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.60. Places: £1.80, £1.20, £3.10. DF: £16.40. CSF: £54.40. B Hills at Lambourn. 12l, 12l. Great 7-4 Fav. Big-Ed (13-2) 4th. 8 ran 3m 11.36s.

4.10 STUNTNEY STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £2,548: 5f)

NOVELLO b c by Double Form – Rode Haxan (R Bott Wigmore St Ltd) 9 0 .... (B Taylor) (14-1) 1
Mingash .... J Reid (20-1) 2
Mamut .... T Ives (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £18.10. Places: £2.60, £3.90, £1.40. DF: £78.00. CSF: £229.75. J Winter at Newmarket. 6l, ½l. Mellow Dance (11-2) 4th. 12 ran 1m 7.31s.

4.40 (4.45) ELVEDEN STAKES (3-y-o: maiden fillies: £3,107: 7f)

SHORE LINE b g by High Line – Dark Finale (R Barnett) 8-11 .... W Newnes (7-2) 1
Floating Petal .... G Starkey (10-1) 2
Cristalga .... G Duffield (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.50. Places: £1.90, £2.60, £3.50. DF: £18.00. CSF: £35.66. H Candy at Wantage. Hd 5l. Secret Assignment 100-30 Fav. Hot Betty (33-1) 4th. 20 ran 1m 34.27s.
Tote Double: Muscatite & Novello £128.50. Treble: Salvinia, Top Creator & Shore Line £82.05. Placepot Pool: £43.55. Jackpot not won. Pool of £592.85 carried forward.

STATE OF GOING: Haydock: soft (heavy patches). Ascot: good to soft (soft in Swinley Bottom). Hamilton: good to soft. Newmarket: good to soft. Tomorrow. Worcester: heavy. Wincanton: soft.







Brian Taylor: double at Newmarket

Hamilton Park

2.15: 1, The Small Miracle (9-2); 2, Bossanova Boy (5-1); 3, Target Path (5-2 fav). 9 ran.
2.45: 1, Done Good (4-1); 2, Houghton Weaver (4-1); 3, Marjoram (9-1). Glenside Lady (5-2 fav). 5 ran.
3.15: 1, Ranz (2-1); 2, Return Match (7-4); 3, Cap d'Azure (3-1). 6 ran.
3.45: 1, Oyston Estates (6-1); 2, Trade High (6-1); 3, In Rhythm (9-2 fav). 9 ran.
4.15: 1, Lucky Boardman's (6-4 fav); 2, Downtown Chicago (5-1); 3, Little Miss Horner (20-1). 5 ran.
4.40: 1, Miss Zahvega (3-1); 2, Albertat (13-8 fav); 3, Fleshy Vynz (25-1). 8 ran.

Sedgefield

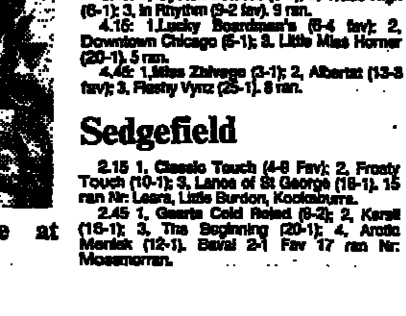
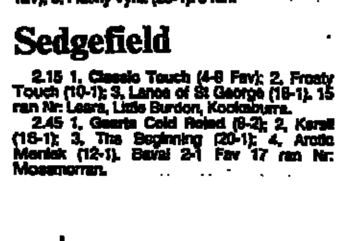
2.15 1, Classic Touch (4-6 Fav); 2, Frosty Touch (10-1); 3, Lance of St George (16-1). 15 ran Nr: Leara, Little Burdon, Kookaburra.
2.45 1, Gaerta Cold Rolled (9-2); 2, Karall (16-1); 3, The Beginning (20-1); 4, Arctic Marisk (12-1). Beval 2-1 Fav 17 ran Nr: Mossmorran.
3.15 1, Portree Prince (8-1); 2, Kumon Sunshine (7-2); 3, Border Brig (11-2). Big Ginger 100-30 fav 11 ran Nr: Ronan-Paul.
3.45 1, John Bunyan (11-10); 2, Casa Knipe (2-1); 3, Lady Buttons (100-30). 5 ran.
4.15 1, Mr Snugfit (9-2); 2, Holborn Head (5-2 fav); 3, Royal Assent (3-1). 12 ran.
4.45 1, Vailed City (3-1); 2, Rumasa (12-1); 3, Vitingo (10-1). Keratin 2-1 fav 17 ran Nr: Welsh Croft.

● Nearly £26,000 was collected at Aintree during the three-day Grand National meeting towards the £4m needed by May 1 to save the racecourse from permanent closure. Quiet optimism is being expressed in the Jockey Club over the National appeal after a surge in donations. In the last week over a thousand letters have arrived at the appeal campaign's Liverpool office and organisers are expecting a bumper delivery later in the week

● Greasepaint, runner-up to Corbiere in Saturday's Grand National, could lead a strong Irish challenge for the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown on Saturday week. Eddie O'Grady's Drumlargan will definitely run in the event.

● Peter Scudamore will captain the English team against the Irish in the three-race Courage Challenge match at Cheltenham on Wednesday, April 20. Scudamore takes over because John Francome is taking longer than expected to recover from his collar bone injury and does not expect to be fit in time.

● Hunter chasers head Mecca's ante-post list for Saturday's Scottish Grand National at Ayr. Earl's Brig is the market leader at 7-1

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GOLF: BALLESTEROS THE MASTER

Spaniard tames himself as well as the course

From A Special Correspondent
Augusta, Georgia

Severiano Ballesteros won his second Masters in three years with a disciplined performance here that belied his reputation as a wild hitter.

The 26-year-old Spaniard mastered the wind and the wiles of a rained-softened Augusta National course on Monday to score a four-stroke victory with an eight-under-par total of 280. He picked up four strokes on the first four holes and then played cool, conservative golf, with pars on the final six holes, to win the first prize of $90,000 with a round of 69.

Ballesteros seized the initiative from his closest rivals, who included three other former champions, with a birdie on the opening hole to pull into a tie for the lead. On the 555-yard second his four-wood approach shot soared 245 yards to the green, where it came to rest 15 feet from the flag. The eagle putt was true and Ballesteros suddenly enjoyed a two-stroke lead which he never surrendered.

After narrowly missing a birdie putt at the next hole he struck a two-iron tee-shot just two feet from the flag at the short fourth for another birdie.

Ballesteros said the first four holes were the key to his victory: "I played four under the first four holes. That put me nine under and sent my confidence straight up".

The United States and British Open Champion, Tom Watson, playing with Ballesteros, made a brief challenge when he rolled in a long eagle putt at the eighth to close the gap to two strokes; but he fell away, needing three putts at the next three greens.

Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite, with a 68 and a 69 respectively, were joint runners-up on 284, one ahead of Watson and Ray Floyd, with Craig Stradler and Hale Irwin on 286. Kite said he felt like a Chevrolet trying to catch a Ferrari.

Stadler and Floyd began the round as joint leaders, one ahead of Ballesteros and two in front of Watson as four Masters champions headed the scoreboard. But the other three had no answer to the Spaniard's opening play and Stadler fell back with a 76, Floyd with a 75 and Watson with a 73.

Although no serious challenge came Ballesteros played conservatively down the homeward stretch and then delighted the gallery by chipping into the hole at the 18th to save par in a final flourish.

He missed only one fairway all day, at the 13th, where he still managed to save par, giving credence to his statement earlier in the week that his reputation as a wild hitter was exaggerated. "I just tried to play the course and be cool, that's all", he said.

Ballesteros embraces his caddie and his second Masters

Final scores from Augusta

(US unless stated)

280:	S Ballesteros (Sp)	68	70	73	69
284:	B Crenshaw	76	70	70	68
	T Kite	70	72	73	69
285:	T Watson	70	71	71	73
	R Floyd	67	72	71	75
286:	C Stadler	69	72	69	76
	H Irwin	72	73	72	69
287:	L Wadkins	73	70	73	71
	G Morgan	67	70	76	74
	D Pohl	74	72	70	71
288:	S Simpson	70	73	72	73
288:	J Miller	72	72	71	74
	J C Snead	68	74	74	73
	G Archer	71	73	71	74
	W Levi	72	70	74	73
290:	T Nakajima (Jap)	72	70	72	76
	K Fergus	70	69	74	77
	J Renner	67	75	78	70
291:	I Aoki (Jap)	70	76	74	71
292:	N Faldo (GB)	70	70	76	76
	P Oosterhuis (GB)	73	69	78	72
	T Weiskopf	75	72	71	74
	L Trevino	71	72	72	77
	F Zoeller	70	74	76	72
	P Jacobsen	73	71	76	72
	M Hayes	71	73	76	72
293:	J Haas	73	69	73	78
	H Sutton	73	73	70	77
	S Hoch	74	69	74	76
294:	G Norman (Aus)	71	74	70	79
	A North	72	75	72	75
295:	G Hallberg	71	71	75	78
	F Couples	73	68	81	73
	C Beck	71	76	76	72
	P Stewart	70	76	78	71
296:	A Palmer	68	74	76	78
	Y Hagawa (Jap)	72	75	75	74
	C Coody	68	75	79	74
	D Edwards	70	76	79	71
297:	J Hallett (am)	68	73	78	78
	J Mahaffey	72	75	74	76
298:	B Lietzke	69	75	82	72
	J Mudd	72	68	72	86
	R Gilder	72	74	76	76
299:	M Nicolette	73	74	78	74
300:	D Graham (Aus)	71	74	80	75
301:	G Brewer	72	73	80	76
305:	R Shearer (Aus)	70	77	82	76
309:	C Peete	70	72	87	80

Eventing: Badminton's youngest competitor

Ambitious contender who has Mrs Green in her sights

Karen Straker, the reigning European junior champion, is the youngest competitor to enter this year's Badminton Horse Trials. At eighteen and a half she is six months over the minimum age; some consider it unduly bold. Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Weldon, the director of the Trials, says she is "taking an ambitious plunge into adult competition at the deep end".

Miss Straker is unmoved, perhaps remembering that Richard Walker, at the same age, became the youngest Badminton winner ever in 1969 riding Pasha. He, too, was European junior champion at the time. Miss Straker says calmly: "I'm not nervous yet but I expect I shall be on the day."

The vast crowds which Badminton always attracts will be new to her and her horse, Running Bear; but Miss Straker has reassured herself by speaking to other riders. "They all say you don't notice the crowds when you're going round and in a sense they channel you into the fences because the course is the only place where there aren't people". Miss Straker's philosophical approach is born of a strong back-up team and her own ability. After all, she has qualified in a year when the qualification is stiffer than ever.

The youngest of five children (the other are all boys), Miss Straker comes from a family where anyone who showed talent on a horse was given the opportunity to develop it. Her mother, Elaine, is the driving force. A former eventer and point-to-pointer Mrs Straker has a gift both for teaching and for finding the right horse for her offspring. She is also well acquainted with Badminton. Two of her sons have competed there on the family's home-bred George, the horse which carried Lucinda Green (then Prior-Palmer) to victory in 1977.

Running Bear, a 10-year-old gelding, was one of Mrs Straker's "finds". Unusually for an eventer he is a former steeplechaser (he was trained by Athur Stephenson) and came to Mrs Straker's attention when she was asked by his own trainer to help train him for local hunter trials and events. Mrs Straker saw and appreciated the tremendous scope of the horse.

He is the only horse that Mrs Straker had ever bought "made". All the others which have passed through the family home at Chop Gate on the North Yorkshire Moors have either been bred at home or bought unbroken. Running Bear, although broken in, still needed to be retrained to start a career as an eventer. He justified the Strakers' confidence, being upgraded in one season from novice to advance.

The form which has given Miss Straker her champion status and qualified her for Badminton is impressive (the new Badminton qualification allows only Grade I horses and they must have come in the first 10 at two advanced competitions in the last two years). After a successful career in the Pony Club – first the Zetland and then the Hurworth – on a horse called Peppercorn she became, at 15, one of Britain's "junior squad". At the same time as Peppercorn, she had another horse Barclay, on which she was short-listed for the European junior championships in 1980.



Miss Straker and Running Bear on winning trail at Rotherfield

Unfortunately Barclay went over backwards in the yard and crushed his withers so badly that he had to be put down. She continued with Peppercorn, representing Britain on him as a junior in Belgium in 1981 when the team was second and Miss Straker won the individual class. She knew, however, that Peppercorn did not have the necessary scope to carry her into senior competition.

It was at this stage that Running Bear made his timely appearance. In the autumn of 1981 Miss Straker won three intermediate classes in a row with her new partner. The next year, at Rotherfield in Hampshire, they became junior European champions and over the last 12 months Miss Straker has more than held her own against the seniors.

Unlike many of her fellow competitors Miss Straker is not a "full-time" eventer – at least not yet. She is halfway through a business studies course at St Godric's College, London, which she sees as another way of getting work during the winter.

The college broke up only three weeks ago. During the term she could do no more in preparation for Badminton than travel back to Yorkshire each weekend to ride Running Bear. During the week Mrs Straker sees to Running Bear's fitness; squash rackets and swimming see to Karen's. Miss Straker admits that she is lucky to have a resident trainer in her mother.

A career in eventing for Miss Straker will depend on her finding a sponsor. At the moment the family sell a horse a year to help towards the expense. She also recognizes the need for a broad outlook. This is one reason why she is taking herself off to Karl Schultz, the German dressage expert, for several weeks next winter. She has already spent six weeks with Lucinda Green under a scheme introduced by the British Horse Society whereby top eventers help juniors of their choice.

Miss Straker fully intends not to lose sight of the fun side of the sport, but she knows she would not be in it without a keen sight on winning. "They say you need a lot of good luck and good management for success." Of the latter she is assured. Given a fair measure of the former, her neat figure and fair hair could become as familiar as Mrs Green's.

Jenny MacArthur

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: MORE PROGRESS IN WORLD EVENTS

England drop second group point

From Joyce Whitehead, Kuala Lumpur

England, though still unbeaten in the World Cup tournament for woman, dropped their second point here yesterday in a 1-1 draw with Argentina and must be worried about their qualification from Group B for a place in the semi-final round.

This was the first time that an England team had entered a sporting field against Argentina since the Falklands crisis. Each side was tactically defensive and neither was able to keep the game flowing.

England looked slow in the first half and Argentine scored in the 23rd minute when Monica Carello put the finishing touch to a good passing movement started on the right wing. England's defence was kept busy after that, but there were too few attackers to achieve the desired result.

After half-time Ruth Hine, who was brought on in place of Jane Swinnerton, soon equalized for England; it was a reward for persistence. England forced seven short corners in this period but the Argentine defence refused to yield.

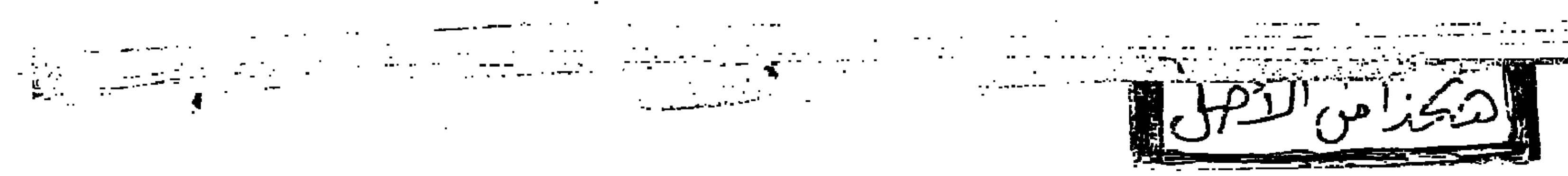
Ireland are playing better and better, and yesterday they beat Austria 4-1 in the Intercontinental Cup. Austria's goal was from a penalty stroke, and then came four goals to Ireland. Joanne McNown equalized before half-time, Margaret Gleghorn with a solo run from the 25-yard line Gwen Paul, (two), and Eilish Macken from a penalty stroke completed the scoring. Ireland's teamwork, even with three substitutes including the goalkeeper, brought on in the second half, contributed greatly to their success.

Australia were lucky to beat India 3-2 in the World Cup match which started at 7.30am. India were two goals up before Australia made the score 2-1 at half-time.

The United Kingdom teams and Ireland have no matches today but England play New Zealand, and Scotland play Wales in the World Cup tomorrow.

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Residential property/Baron Phillips

Buying a piece of the past

Owning a period home is the cherished dream of many. But for most people it remains very much a dream. The harsh reality of buying very old houses and cottages can simply be too daunting for most of us to contemplate.

For those prepared to put up with the many problems of owning a piece of our architectural heritage, help is at hand from two recently launched services. One aims to help you find the property of your dreams and the other gives a comprehensive service in the restoration and maintenance of the house once you have bought it.

Everything from a thatched cottage to an historic Scottish border castle can be found in *The Period Property Register*, which has been compiled by The Historic Buildings Company in Chobham, Surrey.

Period Projects, based in Hadleigh, Suffolk, set out to guide the prospective purchaser through the pitfalls and hazards of buying an historic home, whether it is a 150-year-old barn or a Tudor manor house.

The second issue of the property register has been released and within its bulky 142 pages are around 500 houses and flats ranging in price from £6,000 to £1m. It is the brainchild of Mr Brian Leadsom, a consulting engineer with many years' experience of dating, valuing, surveying and restoring of older buildings.

Last autumn it was Mr Leadsom's company that was trying to find a buyer for an Elizabethan manor house which had been taken apart, beam by beam, and was waiting to be rebuilt on another site.

The *Register* is published every six weeks and there is a fortnightly supplement listing the latest property to come on to the market.

Mr Leadsom said this week: "The register's contents are becoming more varied with each issue. We believe it gives people the most comprehensive and regular guide to older property ever published. We are covering almost every area of the country as well as the widest possible price and age range."

Properties are classified by period, starting with medieval and ending with Victorian. Although the sections are clear (Georgian, Tudor, seventeenth century, etc), a property's inclusion in each category sometimes appears a little arbitrary. For example, in the Tudor section I found a few gems dating from 1450, a "Tudor Manor House" dating from Saxon times and a thatched cottage dated about 1680.

Apart from these minor historic aberrations, the register is an extremely useful guide. Although there are few photographs of properties there is a brief description of each, giving its location, asking price and the name and telephone number of the main agents handling the sale.

At the back of the guide there is a selection of homes which do not easily fit into the historic categories. This issue included a converted malting, an island house in co Galway, Ireland, and a converted church in Suffolk.

For someone who is looking for a house with grand connexions but cannot afford a stately home, there is a small section of apartments in various country estates starting at £33,500 leasehold.

And for those who already own an old house the *Register* offers various lordships of the manor which entitle the buyer to call himself, or herself, Lord or Lady of the Manor. In some cases these titles give ownership of and sporting rights over various commons and greens.

Owning a thatched cottage or a Tudor manor house can sometimes be nothing but a pile of trouble and expense. On a fine summer's day these homes can look breathtaking in their rural setting; but in the middle of winter they can be cold and miserable.

Over the last five years Period Projects has specialized in solving the many problems inherent in old *and ancient homes. The company* says it has perfected a technique for dismantling and then rebuilding old timber-framed houses and cottages.

But Period Projects does allow you to acquire a character home with all modern comforts, including a standard of insulation 50 per cent higher than current standards laid down by the building industry.

The company offers a full service including planning, design, styling and finance as well as a full maintenance service. The company appears to specialize in the restoration of old timber-framed barns.

It is impossible to quote prices as they depend on each individual property, its location, age and condition. For further information the company should be contacted direct: Period Projects Ltd., 1 Market Place, Hadleigh, Suffolk 1P7 5DL Tel. 0473 827881.

According to many country agents the market for older properties in recent months has been extremely strong. Demand for these homes increases with the improved weather, and if you are in the market for a manor house or Tudor cottage then *The Period Property Register* may be the best way of narrowing down your search. For further information and a copy of the *Register* contact The Historic Buildings Company, Chobham Park House, Chobham, Surrey GU24 8HQ, Tel. 09905 7983. Annual subscription to the register and supplements is £15.

Offers of around £160,000 are being sought for this Grade 2 listed mill house in East Sussex, near Wadhurst. Believed to date from the sixteenth century, the Norfolk Read thatched property has many period features including inglenook fireplaces, exposed beams and leaded windows. Standing in 23 acres, the house has two reception rooms, four bedrooms and three bathrooms. Bernard Thorpe & Partners are the agents.



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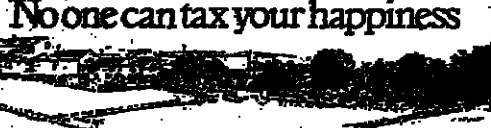
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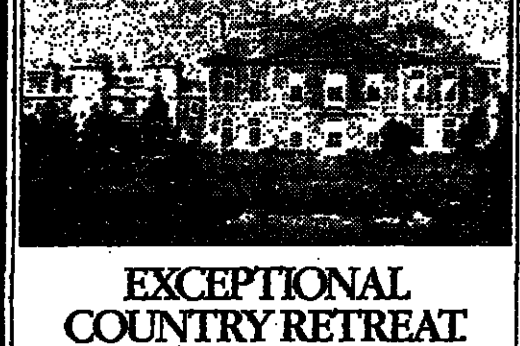
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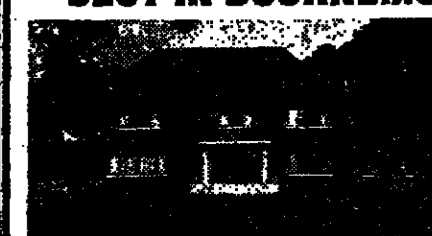
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PERSONAL COLUMNS

Man's compassion extends to his neighbour, but the compassion of the Lord extends to everything that lives. Ecclesiasticus 18: 12, 13 (J.B.)

BIRTHS

AUSTEN.–On April 8, 1983, in Carlisle, to Susan (née O'Neill) and Paul–a daughter (Emily). Deo gratias.

BAZELEY.–On April 11, in Colchester, to Elizabeth (née St Leger Moore) and Chas–a girl.

BOSTOCK.–On April 11th to Julie and Peter – a son (Edward Anthony), a brother for Emma.

BRASON. – On April 11th, to Paul and Judy (née Yudkin) at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton – a son.

CARGILL. – On April 6th at Hanover Military Hospital, to Barbara Anne (née Kellam) and David, a son, Oliver Winston. Many thanks to doctors and staff.

DE JONQUIERES.–On April 8, to Guy and Diana (née Fortescue)–a son (Julian), a brother for Alexander.

DRAKE – On April 8th to Fiona (nee Scott) and Richard, a daughter, a sister for Nicholas and Christopher.

DUNCAN MILLAR.–On 3rd April, to James and Susan (née Marshall)–a son.

HAMILTON – On April 9, 1983, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Catherine (nee Robertson) and Francis, a son, Thomas James de Courcy, a brother for Antonia and Olivia.

HARRIS.–On April 8, at St Luke's, Guildford, to Gillian (née Skinner) and Christopher–a daughter (Elizabeth Mary Ann), a sister for David.

LLOYD-JONES.–Born April 11th. To Pamela (nee Kidd) and Nigel–a son (Harry Robert), a brother for Cecilia.

MARTIN-SPERRY. On April 6th to Angela (nee Chatburn) and David – a son (Edward), brother to Alice.

MORGAN.–On April 9th, to Elizabeth (née Grimmon) and Geoffrey–a daughter (Victoria Caroline Louisa), and to Adrian–a sister.

MORRISON.–On April 11th, in Edinburgh, to Sandra (née Cunningham) and Campbell–a daughter (Catriona Elizabeth).

WESTALL on April 10th, at King's College Hospital, to Pam and Nick – a son (Richard James Nicholas)

PHILLIPS.–On 6 April, at St Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Eleanor (nee Jack) and Robert–a daughter (Hannah Elizabeth Helen) and a son (James William Derek).

SHANDRO in Vancouver on 29th March to Clare (nee Arkell) and Sandy – a daughter, Anna.

STEIBELT. On 12th April to Sally and Martin – a son.

STEIN – On April 6th, in Cardiff to Sue (nee Morris) and David – a daughter (Jessica Claire)

STEPHENS on April 3rd, in Melbourne, to Patricia (née Marmion) and Richard, a son, Joseph Alisdair, a brother for Catherine.

MASSEY. On 12th April at The William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent, to Deirdre (nee Drummond) and Peregrine – a daughter (Alexandra Clare Louise), sister to Emma.

WETHERELL.–To Mary (née Miles) and Jeremy, on 1st April, 1983–a daughter (Sophia).

MARRIAGES

FAIRBAIRN : MURRAY – On 9th April at Ottery St Mary Parish Church, William to Rowena.

DEATHS

BLAND.–On April 9th, suddenly, at his home, 71 High Green, Brooke, Edmund Hustler, aged 74 years, beloved husband of Ismay, father of Jane, Sue, Margaret, Sarah, Bill and Helen, and grandfather of Mary. Private cremation followed by a memorial service at St Peter's Church, Brooke, Monday, April 18th, at 12.15 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, may be sent for the RNLI, c/o G. W. Fouiger and Son, Funeral Directors, Shotesham, Norfolk. Tel: Brooke 50242.

BLYTH.–On April 8, at home, Hugh William (Bill), dearly loved husband of Betty and father of Penelope and Veronica. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

CORLAND.–On April 11th, peacefully, at her home, 93 Scotby Road, Scotby, Carlisle, Vida Sara, beloved wife of the late Dr D. M. Barland, MB, CHB (formerly of Harley Street, London), dearly loved mother of Margaret and Nick Carr and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Service at All Saints Church, Scotby, Carlisle on Friday, April 15th at 12.15 p.m., to be followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please.

BULLEN-SMITH.–On 8th April, 1983, peacefully, in the Lansdowne Nursing Home, Newmarket, Phyllis Templar (late of Wimbledon), aged 86 years. Funeral service, Cambridge Crematorium, Friday, 15th April at 4.30 p.m. Flowers please, Southgate of Newmarket, 25 Duchess Drive, Newmarket. Phone 662480.

CHERRILL – Roger, on Friday April 8th, at his home in Chiswick. The funeral, at St Mary's Church, Denham village, on Friday April 15th at 2.30 pm.

CHORLTON – On April 10, 1983, peacefully in hospital after a long illness patiently borne, of 12 St Georges Road, Rhos-on-Sea, Phyllis Mary, aged 81, the dear aunt of Ann, Cecil and Iona. Service at Colwyn Bay Crematorium on Thursday, April 14, at 2pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired may be sent to the Girl Guide Friendship Fund. Enquiries and donations to Percy L Roberts & Son, 4 Woodland Road West, Colwyn Bay.

COBB. – On 9th April, 1983, peacefully in a Hove nursing home, Margaret (Peggy) Cobb. Age 86 years. Late of Funchal, Madeira. Funeral on Monday, 18th April at Portslade cemetery at 11.00am. Flowers please to Baker & Sons, 62 Station Road, Portslade. Tel: Brighton 418464.

DEANE.– On April 8th, 1983, peacefully, at the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Margaret Elizabeth Lauriston (née Lewis), aged 81 years, widow of Lt-Col. J. A. L. Deane and mother of Robert and Anne. Cremation 12.30 p.m. Friday, April 15th, at Yeovil Crematorium. No flowers, please.

DONALDSON-HUDSON. – On April 9 1983, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Moira, aged 69 years, of Bournemouth. Wife of the late Michael Donaldson-Hudson, stepmother and loved aunt. Funeral service Monday, April 18, 12.45pm, at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers, or if preferred donations for Wessex Body Scanner, may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth (0202) 34311.

EISEN.–On 9th April, in California, USA, Geoffrey Philip Eisen.

FISHER.–On April 10th, at Abingdon, Mary Janet, beloved wife of John and mother of Michael, David, Peter and Hugh. Funeral service at St Nicholas Church, Abingdon, on April 15th at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation.

FRIED.–Suddenly, on April 10th, at Battle Hospital, Reading, Victor, beloved husband of Joan Alexandra, dear father of Diana, Denise and Nicholas and grandfather of Dominic, Xanthe and Richard. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation.

GOAD.–On 8th April, Charles Edgar, of Compton Dando and late of Oxshott, Surrey. Beloved father of Charles, Jeremy and Elizabeth. Funeral service on Friday, 15th April at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers, if desired, to F. W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher.

GREIG.–On April 6, 1983, tragically, as a result of a car accident, Noel Patricia (Pori), of Little Court, Buntingford, darling wife of Neil and loving mother of Jamie, William, Jonathan and Benedict. Memorial service, Friday, April 6 at 3.30 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church, Aspenden, near Buntingford, Herts. No flowers, please. Enquiries to Danielle Robinson & Sons, 0279 55477.

GREY-WILSON. – On April 11th, 1983, at St Margaret's Hospital, Auchterarder, Perthshire, Robert Andrew, son of Sir William Grey-Wilson, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., sometime Governor of the Bahamas. Funeral service on Thursday, 14th April, 1983, at 1.30 pm at St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder, followed by interment at Tibbermore Churchyard.

INKIN.–On Friday, 8th April, at home, Noel David, beloved husband of Eve and father of Geoffrey and John. Funeral private. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, may be sent to Llandaff Cathedral Restoration Fund, c/o The Dean, The Deanery, Llandaff, Cardiff.

LINGEN-WATSON – On April 10th peacefully at home, Arnold, after a valiant fight against illness, deeply loved husband of Jill. Funeral service Tuesday, April 19th at St Denys' Church, Rotherfield at 10.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only: donations if desired for National Assoc. of Alms Houses, or Fabric Fund of St Denys, c/o Paul Bysouth, Funeral Director, Crowborough, 'phone 5000 to whom all enquiries.

MICKLEM.–On 8 April, Eva, beloved wife of the late Brigadier Ralph Micklem. Memorial service at St John's Church, Stanmore, Middx on 17 May at 2.30 p.m.

MITCHELL.–On 8th April, 1983, in Bermuda, Harold Paton, first baronet, of Tulliallan in the kingdom of Fife, Scotland, and of Luscar in the province of Alberta, Canada, in his 83rd year. Dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Mary-Jean. Funeral private. Memorial services later in Jamaica and Canada.

PALMER, ADRIAN STUART. – On 6th April, in his 76th year, dear father of Ulick and Elizabeth. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday, 15th April at 1.30 pm.

PERCY-JONES – On April 11th, Donald (P J) late Colonel Dorset Regiment. Funeral 2 pm Friday, April 15th at York Crematorium. Please no mourning, no flowers by his request.

PETLEY – On 11th April, Dorothy Florence, aged 83, after a long illness. Service at St John's, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent, on Tuesday, April 19th at 11.30am. Family flowers only.

RALEIGH.–On March 27th, at home, suddenly but peacefully, Philippa Susan, aged 18, beloved daughter of Jackie and Simon and much-loved sister of Christopher and David, formerly of Lusaka, Zambia. Ex pupil Millfield School. Funeral St Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Saturday, April 16th 1.30 p.m. Friends welcome. Cut flowers only, please. Funeral Directors, Turner Bros., Hampton Road, Newbury.

RICHARDS.–On April 9th, peacefully, at the Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Norwich, Guy Richards, O.B.E., of Candleford, Water Lane, Mundesley, Norfolk, a very dear friend of Jeanne. The funeral service will be held at Mundesley Church on Saturday, April 16th at 10.45 a.m. Flowers (by 9 a.m.) or donations for the Big C Appeal, may be sent to M. Cork Bros., Funeral Directors, Mundesley Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, please.

DEATHS

RAY.–On 10th April, 1983, Richard Cyril Ray, O.B.E., beloved husband of Etheldreda and father of Dick, peacefully, at home, in his 100th year. No flowers, please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Guide Dogs for the Blind, c/o Willcombes, Funeral Directors, Williton, Somerset. Tel: Williton 32420.

REID – Edith Amy on April 11, 1983, recently of Maplesden, Stonegate, widow of John L Reid, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service on April 21, at 2.30 pm at St Peter's, Stonegate to be followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society.

SANDERS. – On April 9th, suddenly, at Ellerton Abbey, N. Yorkshire, Benedict Alfred Peter (Ben), age 33, dear husband of Judith Dinneas, and father of Archie and Iona, and son of T. R. B. Sanders of Buckland, Surrey. Funeral Mass at St Margaret's Catholic Church, Roy Bridge, Inverness-shire, at 11.00 a.m. on Friday, April 15th. Memorial service in Yorkshire at date to be announced later. Flowers and enquiries to John McLellan & Co., Parade Road, Fort William, 0397 2128.

SCOTT. – Suddenly, at Colintraive, Argyll, on 10th April 1983, Lindsay Moir Scott, of Steilamuir, Rosemount, Blairgowrie, beloved husband of the late Mary Oliphant Hamilton. Much loved father of Lindsay, Moira, Aileen and David. A much loved grandpa. Funeral service at Bendochy Church by Coupar Angus, tomorrow, Thursday at 2.30pm, thereafter to Blairgowrie Cemetery to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only. No letters please.

SIMMONS – On 7 April, Mary Katherine (Haviland), widow of James William Simmons, of Haslemere and formerly of Malaya, aged 88. Cremation private. No flowers

STODDART.–On April 8, 1983, peacefully, in a nursing home, Janet Reid, daughter of the late Dr & Mrs A. R Stoddart, of York, and dear sister of Amy and Catherine, of Mount Lodge, Nightingale Lane, Storrington, Sussex. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday, April 14, at 4.15 p.m. Enquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, 34516.

TRAPPS – Dr Norman, CB. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium April 18 at 12.30 pm. Family cut flowers only. Donations if desired to National Trust or C of E Children's Society.

WARBURG.–On April 10, quietly, at home, Hew, beloved husband of Rita and father of John and Diana. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, April 14, at 12.30 p.m (West Chapel).

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Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 28th March 1983 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £16,400,000 to £6,856,689.50 and the cancellation of the whole of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above Company and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the said Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30th March 1983.
Dated this 30th day of March 1983.
Macfarlanes
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London
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Solicitors for the above named Company

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and the Companies Act, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above named company are required on or before 20th May 1983 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, Bernard Phillips, F.C.A., of Bernard Phillips & Co, PO Box 88, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, the Liquidator of the said company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 5th April 1983
BERNARD PHILLIPS
Chartered Accountant

Notice is hereby given that Walid Ahmed Kassem has renounced his citizenship of the State of Libya.

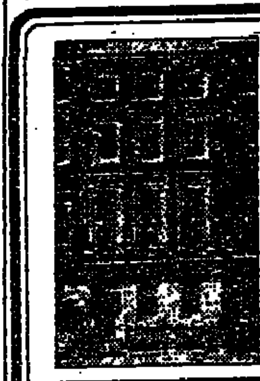
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R.C.L. BUILDING SERVICES The Companies Act, 1948 I, Raymond Hocking, Accountant, of Messrs Sloy Howard & Partners, 44 Baker Street, London W1M 1DH, give notice that I was appointed Liquidator in the above matter on 31 March 1983. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, sport and traffic reports. Also available to those with a television set without the Teletext facility.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours: regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15. This morning's guest is Tracey Ullman Closedown at 9.00.

12.30 News After Noon. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). **1.00 Pebble Mill at One** includes film of the judging of the National Fashion Awards; a conversation with Anton Dolin; and a song from Britain's Eurovision Song Contest representatives. Sweet Dreams **1.45 The Flumps. 2.00 Lord Byron Lived Here.** Peter Porter visits Newstead.

2.15 Racing from Ascot introduced by Richard Pitman. Live coverage of the Royal Fern Novices Steeplechase (2.30); the Pearce Duff Novices Hurdle (3.05); the Alpine Meadow Hurdle (3.40). The commentators are Peter O Sullevan and John Hanmer. 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School. For the under fives (shown earlier on BBC2) **4.20 Cartoon: Boss Cat. 4.45 Take Hart. 5.05 Newsround. 5.10 The Story of the Treasure Seekers.** Part two.

5.40 News 6.00 South East at Six.

6.25 Nationwide includes the first or four reports on Our National Health. The reporter is John Hitchins.

6.50 Triangle. Episode four.

7.15 Wildlife on One: Shipwreck. The film that won the award for the Outstanding Short Film at the 1982 International Wildlife Film Festival. The film shows the amazing marine life that is living in and around the wreck of the American Liberty ship. James Egan Lane, which sank in 1945 just off Whitesands Bay in Cornwall.

7.40 Open All Hours. Arkwright decides that he can increase his profits if he cuts out the middle man. What he needs is a product that can be home-made and have a daily demand. Granville is deputed to find this elusive product.

8.10 Dallas. Bobby, who naively thought that his struggle with JR for control of Ewing Oil was an even one, has his illusions shattered when he discovers a box of Cuban cigars.

9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.

9.05 News.

9.30 Q.E.D.: Faster than the Sun. A trip in Concorde filmed from the flight deck, the passenger cabin and on the ground. But what is the future for the fabulous 'plane? Q.E.D. talks to Sir Stanley Hooker, Pierre Young and Brian Trubshaw.

10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter Boxing and Yachting are featured tonight. Desmond Lynham is in Preston for the A.B.A. semifinals and Tony Gubba reports on Britain's latest bid to win the America's Cup. Britain's hopes rest on the 12 metre yacht, Victory, the product of a multi-million pound campaign to produce a challenger.

10.58 News headlines.

11.00 Chicago Story: Subterranean Blues. Detective Wajorski tries to infiltrate a gang run by a ruthless hoodlum. Starring Vincent Baggetta.

12.10 Weather.

TV-am

6.00 Daybreak presented by Gavin Scott followed at 6.30 by **Good Morning Britain** with Anna Ford and Nick Owen. News at 6.00, 6.20, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00; city news at 6.15; morning paper review at 6.33 and 8.33; pop video at 6.50; television reviewed and previewed at 7.50; Robert Stevens of the National Theatre interviewed at 8.40; behind a celebrity's front door at 8.50; Closedown at 9.15

ITV/LONDON

9.30 Sesame Street. Learning made fun with the Muppets **10.30 Science International,** narrated by Michael Bentine **10.35 Database.** A look at what is on offer at the National Computer Centre (r) **11.00 The Wild, Wild World of Animals.** A film about the sharks that breed and feed off Florida's western coast **11.30 Film Fun.** Comedy and cartoons presented by Derek Griffiths (r)

12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy with a story about the characters in Wizzar comic **12.10 Rainbow,** Learning with puppets **12.30 Play it Again.** Ray Alan is Tony Bilbow's guest and he talks about his career and chooses clips from his favourite films

1.00 News 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston. **1.30 Crown Court** Continuing the case of the nightclub owner and manager who are accused of manslaughter following a fire on the premises which killed 17 people (r) **2.00 A Plus**

2.30 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the Earl of Sefton Stakes (2.35); the Ladbroke European Free Handicap (3.10); and the Abernant Stakes (3.40) Introduced by Brough Scott

4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. A repeat of the programme shown at noon **4.15 Dangermouse.** Episode three and the professor has a monster problem **4.20 The Sooty Show.** A new series featuring Matthew Corbett and his puppets **4.30 Cartoon:** Roadrunner in Highway Runnery **4.45 Murphy's Mob.** Part 11 of the drama about a fourth division football club **5.15 Mr and Mrs.** Three married couples in a quiz to see how much they know about their respective spouse

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news **6.25 Help!** presented by Nancy Robertson

6.35 Crossroads. Oliver Banks and his daughter, Penny, have a distressing scene in public

7.00 Carry On Laughing. A compilation of some of the more funny moments from the successful series of Carry On films

7.30 Coronation Street. A public protest meeting against the disco project is organised by Ken Barlow

8.00 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews and his red book surprise another stunned celebrity

9.00 Widows. Episode five and the ladies have completed the preparations for the raid on the security van

10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party

10.05 News followed by Thames News headlines

10.35 Thames Sport Special. Derek Thompson introduces five-a-side football from Wembley Arena where 14 teams are competing for the Standard trophy.

11.35 Mannix. When he investigates the theft of a famous diamond collection Mannix meets Hamilton Starr, a ruthless villain who is also blind.

12.30 Close with Brian Blessed

CHOICE

David Schofield as Ernest Shackleton: BBC–2 9.30pm

● Tonight sees the start of a four-part drama documentary **SHACKLETON** (BBC 2 9.30pm), an account of the expeditions to Antarctica by the explorer who seemed obsessed by the South Pole. The series begins with the background to why there was so much antagonism between Shackleton and his great rival, Robert Falcoln Scott. Filmed in the harsh, snowy, wastelands of East Greenland, the drama captures the harsh realities of early exploration with Shackleton being blamed by Scott for the comparative failure of the 1902 British National Antarctic Expedition because of frail health. This antipathy deepens later on when Shackleton decides to mount an expedition of his own to Antarctica much to Scott's chagrin as he regarded the area as his own personal fiefdom for exploration. David Schofield plays the down-to-earth, egalitarian, Shackleton with Neil Stacy as the aloof, elitist, Scott.

● The work behind putting on an opera is the subject of a new six-part series **STAGING AN OPERA** (Channel 4 6.30pm) Producing Beethoven's Fidelio for Kent Opera is Jonathan Miller in possibly his last production following his announcement that he intends to resume his medical career. This week Norman Platt, the artistic director, explains his role as well as the history of the company. An entertaining format that should appeal to lovers of opera and the non-committed alike.

● The most persuasive interview series for many a moon receives the accolade of a quick repeat beginning tonight. **IN THE PSYCHIATRIST'S CHAIR** (Radio 4 8.45pm) is a personal triumph for Dr Anthony Clare whose persuasive probing elicited hitherto unknown depths of feeling from his interviewees. None more so than tonight's participant, the controversial historian David Irving who talks about himself and those people and events that were a major influence in both his private and professional life.

● Robert Lindsay, that versatile actor last seen on television as Edmund in Olivier's King Lear and before that as the Tooting freedom fighter in Citizen Smith, stars with Pat Coombs in the neat little comedy series **ALBERT AND ME** (Radio 2 10.03 pm) about a single, unemployed man with a baby. An unlikely mixture for laughs but scriptwriter Jim Eldridge has managed to make the combination very witty.

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Cheddar: Mapping the Mendip Anticline **7.20** Magic in the Web of Art **7.45** Oil **8.10** Closedown

10.20 Gharbar Magazine programme of interest to Asian women Today's programme is devoted in its entirety to the singing Hussain family of London. The parents sing a duet and are accompanied on the drums by their ten-year-old son **10.45** Closedown **11.00 Play School** For the under fives **11.25** Closedown

12.30 Open University: Developing Mathematical Thinking. Measuring **1.20** Closedown

5.10 The Mindful Way. An Open University film about the Buddhist monastry at Wat Nong Ba Pong, in the forest of north-east Thailand.

5.40 Film: Spare a Copper* Starring George Formby as a sailor on board HMS Hercules the target for a gang of foreign saboteurs. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs.

6.55 Year of the French April: Guardian of the Camargue. A profile of Eric Coulet who, when 23 years old was the youngest ever director of a nature reserve in France and today, ten years later, is still obssessed by the Camargue (r).

7.25 News summary with subtitles

7.30 Ebony. Vince Herbert interviews Len Murray on behalf of black trade unionists who believe they are not fairly treated; Juliet Alexander reports from Jamaica on the feeling about West Indian cricketers touring South Africa; and music is provided by Carroll Thompson

8.00 Raphael. The second of three films celebrating the artist's 500th anniversary. This programme covers Raphael's mature work and includes detailed sequences of the frescos in the Vatican Stanze and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel

9.00 One Night in Lincoln. Comedy from Mike Harding.

9.30 Shackleton. Part one of a new four-programme drama tracing the career of one of Britain's greatest explorers. Starring David Schofield as Shackleton.

10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.

10.35 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the stories that made today's headlines 11.25 Interval.

11.30 Open University: Disaster Simulation 2: Debriefing **11.55** New Bearings for Old. Closedown at 12.25

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Chips Comic. When the computer breaks down through lack of paper the publication of the comic is threatened. But the enterprising Rover learns how to make paper and saves the day

5.30 Countdown. Another round in the words and numbers game. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley, assisted by Kenneth Williams

6.00 The Munsters* Herman and his family move to a hotel after renting their house to a rock and roll group for a weekend. When they return they discover a swinging party in progress. Starring Fred Gwynne and Yvonne de Carlo

6.30 Staging an Opera. The first in a series of six programmes highlighting the work that goes on behind-the-scenes in the making of an opera. In this case it is Kent Opera's version of Beethoven's Fidelio, produced by Jonathan Miller.

7.00 Channel Four News. Headlines at 7.30 followed by Jane Corbin and Lawrence McGinty's weekly look at the latest news from the worlds of science, technology and medicine

7.50 Comment. On the soap-box tonight is Truro's Liberal MP David Penhaligon.

8.00 Brookside. Bobby and Sheila Grant have their happiness short-lived when daughter Karen informs them that she will no longer attend Mass

8.30 Film: Northern Lights* (1980) starring Robert Behling. The story, set in the fertile North Dakota of 1915, concerns the fight of poor homesteaders against exploitation by massive Eastern monopolies. Ray Sorenson, a young Norwegian farmer helps form the Nonpartisan League in order to improve his lot but a normal life seems out of the question in the face of deteriorating economic conditions. Made by John Hanson and Rob Nilsson with partly English dialogue and partly Norwegian with English subtitles

10.20 Twenty Twenty Vision: Punters. Reporter Jackie Spreckley interviews five men of differing social background who have one thing in common – they visit prostitutes. No face-in-silhouette type programme this: All five talk frankly of their need for prostitutes even though some are married. Miss Spreckley certainly gained the confidence of those interviewed – the men's descriptions of their predilections was the reason that this programme was moved from its usual 8.30 slot

10.50 Visions: Wadja's Danton. A portrait of the film director Andrzej Wajda, on location in Paris for his new film, Danton

11.35 Closedown

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.25 Shipping forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.30, 8.30 News Headlines. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.55 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: presented by Libby Purves. The guests are Gerry Fitt (his birthday), John Mortimer, Roger Cook and the editor of Time magazine, Denys Gerault.†
10.00 News.
10.02 Gardeners' Question Time.
10.30 Morning Story: The Last Class, by Alphonse Daudet.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News, travel.
11.03 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.†
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 The Curious World Of... Opera. 12.55 Weather, travel.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers.
1.55 Shipping forecast.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour, including Guest of the Week, Princess Michael of Kent.
3.00 News.
3.02 Afternoon Theatre; Running Time, by David Fisher.†
3.47 Time for verse.
4.00 News.
4.02 Just After Four.
4.10 File on 4 (new series).
4.40 Story Time: Goodbye to All That, by Robert Graves (3).
5.00 PM. News magazine.
5.50 Shipping forecast, weather.
6.00 News, Financial Report.
6.30 My Music.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Invaders:Christoper Matthew with the last of four household 'horror' stories.
7.45 Worlds of Faith. Last of 12 talks by Professor John Bowker.
8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music.†
8.45 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Historian David Irving.
9.30 Kaleidoscope: arts magazine presented by Paul Allen. Among the items is Victoria Glendinning talking to Times television critic, Peter Ackroyd, about his soon-to-be-published novel, The Last Testament of Oscar Wilde.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 In the Air with Antony Holden.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: Bellman and True; by Desmond Lowden (8).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News: weather.

ENGLAND: VHF with above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather: Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 11.00 Study on 4: Get By in Greek. 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Hume's Science of Man. 11.50 The Urban Demgrapher.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Johann Stamitz, S. S. Wesley, Schubert, Hellendaal.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice (continued): Leigh, Coates, Saint-Saens, Sibelius.
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers: The Spanish Golden Age, Luis Milan, Diego Ortiz, Mateo Flecha the elder, Alonso Lobo, Juan Esquivel, Rodrigo Ceballo.†
10.00 Beethoven and Brahms: violin and piano recital.†
10.45 C. P. E. Bach.†
11.20 Rachmaninov songs.†
11.45 Espana: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: conducted by Maurice Handford is joined by cellist Julian Lloyd Webber. The programme includes Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes; Rodrigo's Concierto como un Divertimento, and Falla's Three Dancers (The Three cornered Hat).†
1.00 News.
1.05 Tchaikovsky, Schnittke and Schumann: chamber music.†
2.00 60 years of Richard Strauss: Chicago Symphony Orchestra.†
4.00 Choral Evensong from Leeds Parish Church.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.30 Jazz Today.†
7.10 Music for Wind Octet: Beethoven, Ian McQueen.†
8.00 Blitz and Sensibility: the army of Frederick the Great evoked in words, marches, sonneries, batteries, and music of the court of Sans Souci.†
9.00 Israel Piano Quartet: Recorded last month at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. Part one, Dvorak's Quartet in E flat (Op 87); part two (9.50) Brahms' Quartet in A (Op 26).†
9.30 Six Continents
9.50 Concert part 2: Brahms.
10.40 The Symphonies of Roberto Gerhard: No 2.†
11.15 News.
VHF only – Open University: 11.20pm Social Science Magazine (2). 11.40-12.0 Education for Servitude.

Radio 2

5.00 The Early Show†. 7.30 Ray Moore†. 10.00 Jimmy Young†. 12.00 Music While You Work†. 12.30 Gloria Hunniford†, including 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart†, including 2.35, 3.10 Racing from Newmarket, 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton†, including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 JohnDunn†, including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 7.30 Ronnie Aldricht†. 8.10 Listen to the Band with Charlie Chester†. 9.00 The Organists Entertains with Nigel Ogden†. 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Albert and Me. 10.30 Geoffrey Cannon presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Folk On 2†. 2.00-5.00 Patrick Lunt presents You and the Night and the Music†.

Radio 1

6.00 Adrian John with The Early Show. 7.00 Steve Wright. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Gary Davies. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Radio 1 Mailbag. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00 John Peel†.
VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Diversions. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 7.30 The Brotherhood of Brass. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Golden Age of Operetta. 8.30 Smash of the Day: All Gas and Gaiters. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 The Instruments of Jazz. 10.15 Marital Rites. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 1.30 Lazy as I am! 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Women in Love. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Diversions. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Short Story 9.30 Jazz for the asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Marital Rites. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 Smash of the Day: All Gas and Gaiters. 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 Sing, Sing, Sing. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Quartet. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 5.45 The World Today. All times in GMT

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m. Radio 1/2 VHF 88-91MHz. Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz. MF 1215kHz/247m. Radio 4 LF 200kHz/1500m and VHF 92-95MHz. Greater London Area MF 720kHz/417m. LBC MF 1152kHz/261m. VHF 97.3MHz. Capital MF 1548kHz/194m, VHF 95.8MHz. BBC Radio London MF 1458kHz/206m and VHF 94.9MHz. World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1
WALES: 12.57pm-1.00pm News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 12.10am News and weather. SCOTLAND: 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 9.30-10.00 Current Account. 11.00-11.30 Q.E.D. (As BBC–1 9.30pm). 11.30-12.10am Barbara Mandrell. 12.10 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 6.00-6.25 Scene Around Six. 10.00-10.58 Sportsnight: The British Featherweight Title Fight. 12.10am News and weather. ENGLAND: 6.00pm-6.25 Regional News Magazines. 12.15am Close.

S4C
Starts 2.10 pm Ffalabalam. 2.20 Interlude. 2.45 Be Your Own Boss. 3.10 Full Life: Lord Cudlipp. 4.00 Six Million Dollar Man. 4.50 Clwb S4C. 4.55 Pili-Pala. 5.00 Goeliech Chi? 5.30 The Munsters. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Countdown. 6.55 Gair yn Ei Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Awyr Iach. 8.00 Caryl A'r Band. 8.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 8.55 Film: Long Summer of George Adams (James Garner). Railwayman faces personal crisis. 10.30 Twenty Twenty Vision. 10.55 Eleventh Hour. 12.25 am Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 12.30 Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: 10.30am Wattoo Wattoo. 10.40 Hands. 11.05-11.30 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 10.35 Film: The Beguiled. As TVS. 12.30am Some Day I'll Find You, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 10.30 am Contact. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 10.35 Televison Tribute. The work of David St David Smith who was killed with his cameraman Graham Barker in a helicopter crash last month. 11.20 Johnny Mathis in Concert in Germany. 12.20 am Closedown.

ULSTER
As London except: 10.30 Wonderful stories of Professor Kitzel. 10.35 Flying Kiwi. 11.00 Cartoon. 11.05-11.30 Adventures of Gulliver. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening, Ulster. 10.35 Film: The Beguiled. As TVS. 12.30 News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.25 News. 9.30 Young Ramsey. 10.30 Survival. 10.55 European Folk Tales. 11.05-11.30 Vicky the Viking. 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where the jobs are. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-700 Northern Life. 10.37 Film: The Beguiled. As TVS. 12.30 Games for Life. 12.35 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: Starts 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 10.30 Cartoon. 10.40-11.30 Tarzan. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 10.35 Film: 100 Rifles (Jim Brown, Raquel Welch). Deputy teams up with a bank robber 12.30am News. 12.35 Closedown.

BORDER
As London except: 10.30am Larry the Lamb. 10.40 Paint Along with Nancy. 11.05-11.30 Target the Impossible. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 10.35 Film: The Beguiled. As TVS. 12.30am News. 12.35 Closdown.

CENTRAL
As London except: Starts 9.40am Film Fun. 10.05 Dick Tracy Returns. 10.25 On Top of the World. 10.40 Look Who's Talking: Jimmy Jewel. 11.05 Glory of the Garden. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Crossroads.

HTV
As London except: 10.30 am Cartoon. 10.40 Alphabet: Story of Writing. 11.05-11.30 Flintstones. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Three Little Words. 6.00-6.35 News. 10.35 Film: The Beguiled. As TVS. 12.30 am Closedown.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 pm-6.35 Wales at Six: With Michael Lloyd-Williams and Alan Rustad.

TVS
As London except: 10.30 am Cartoon. 10.40-11.30 Sinbad Voyage. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 10.35 Film: The Beguiled (Clint Eastwood). Wounded Unionist soldier hides in a Confederates ladies' school. 12:30 am Company, Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: 10.30 Larry the Lamb. 10.40-11.30 Sinbad Voyage. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00-2.30 Exchange Flags. 5.15-5.45 Beverley Hillbillies. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.35 Film: The Beguiled. As TVS. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW
As London except: 9.30am Young Ramsay 10.25 Between the Tides. 10.40 History of the Car. 11.05-11.30 Call it Macaroni. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 That Chat Show. 10.35 Film: The Beguiled. (As TVS). 12.30am Postscript. 12.35 Closedown.

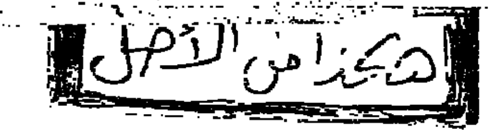
CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10 pm Rod, Jane and Freddy. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 WKRP in Cincinnati. 10.00-10.05 Life in France. 10.38 Film: The Beguiled. As TVS. 12.30 am Closedown.

SCOTTISH
As London except: 10.30am Amazing Years of Cinema. 10.55 Wild Canada. 11.45-12.00 Children of Samoa. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.40-5.45 Action Line. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 10.30 Film: The Beguiled: As TVS. 12.30am Late Call. 12.35 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PASTORAL MEASURE 1968
The Church Commissioners have prepared draft pastoral schemes providing for declaring redundant the church of Saint Mary, being a chapel of ease in the parish of Sandwich (Canterbury diocese); and the parish church of the parish of Asterby (Lincoln diocese), and a draft redundancy scheme providing for appropriating the redundant church of Newington Bagpath Saint Bartholomew to use as a residence and workshop (Gloucester diocese).
Copies of the draft schemes may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JZ to whom any representations should be sent within 28 days of the publication of this notice.



THE TIMES ★★★★★★ First Published 1785

Falkland greets pilgrims with guarded civility

From Alan Hamilton, Port Stanley

The first Falkland pilgrims stepped ashore at Port Stanley at 8.40 this morning to make contact with the 800 citizens whose romote and insular way of life their menfolk died defending.

Their entry into the Falklands capital was virtually by the back door. Launches from their liner, Cunard Countess, anchored in the harbour and delivered them to the crumbling public works jetty which hidden behind sheds and cluttered with junk, including the wreck of an Agentine Army lorry.

The first of the 541 pilgrims to step ashore was Jonathan Sweet. Aged 22 months, whose father, Lance corporal Philip Sweet of the Welsh Guards died at the age of 22 in the attack on Port Stanley.

The sun shone again for them, lighting the pink and green corrugated iron roofs of the town in a splash of colour in contrast to the drab brown surrouding hills.

There was no welcoming committee. Stanley, it had been decided, "should be seen functioning as near normally as possible. The relatives had to weave their way between the lines of Army lorries and Land-Rovers which now clog Stanley's narrow and potholed streets.

The visitors' principal contact with the islanders was at lunchtime, when every relative was invited into the home of an islander for a meal. Mr Michael Rendell, coordinator of the arrangements for receiving the visitors, said 150 families had opened their doors, and that every visitor who came ashore would be entertained.

However, the half dozen shopkeepers of Stanley have found themselves in a quandary. Half have decided to stay open, on the grounds that the visitors will want to buy mementoes: the other half have closed, on the grounds that in the circumstances it would not be proper to take money from the relatives.

The first group of 90 relatives ashore were taken to Sir Rex Hunt's green-roofed official residence where Chinook helicopters flew them for a simple and touching private ceremony beside the memorial cairn at Fitzroy to the Welsh Guards. Two relatives planted 100 Welsh daffodils around the cairn.

Another group of 130 relatives were taken to RAF Stanley, where a Hercules transport aircraft waited to take them in small parties on the 150-mile flight to the south-east where the Sheffield went down. From there the group will go on to the graves of the Atlantic Conveyor and a crashed SAS helicopter.

Other relatives with no particular pilgrimage to make took the short walk to the room above the Post Office which serves as Stanley's town hall where servicemen laid on a buffet of tea and cakes.

As the visitors strolled the streets there were few signs of Falklander Islanders approaching them to talk. It is a difficult occasion for both sides, and the islanders are not by nature a gregarious and outgoing people.

Galtieri faces tribunal

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statements, and at a meeting of senior generals a majority told the commander that they wanted strong action against him.

It was not immediately known where general Galtieri would have to serve his sentence, but it was believed that he would be taken to one of the Army barracks in Buenos Aires province.

If the Army command finds that the former President has a case to answer under the military legal code, the 60-day sentence could be changed from a disciplinary measure into "preventive detention", pending the findings of the court of honour. The tribunal has the power to impose a variety of sanctions, including demotion or even discharge from the Army.

General Galtieri could also face charges for his role in the political and military errors during the South Atlantic war. Late last month he appeared before the "Inter-Forces Commission", chaired by retired military officers, which is investigating the conduct of the war. The commission is expected to complete its report some time in May or June.

The 60-day imprisonment order is in itself one of the most severe sanctions ever suffered by a former military President.

Eight-Oscar 'Gandhi' triumphs in Hollywood

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also for Ben Kingsley, born Krishna Bhanji, the son of an Indian doctor in Yorkshire, who beat the hotly-favoured Paul Newman *(The Verdict)* and Dustin Hoffman *(Tootsie)* in the best actor category.

Afterwards he said: "For all men who worked on the film it is an Oscar for vision and courage and for acting and peace."

***Gandhi's* fairytale Hollywood happy ending, he noted, "all boils down to enthusiasm – in this case the enthusiasm and generosity that made a project live that was in the making for 20 years."**

In an emotional speech Sir Richard declared: "The person whom we really honour is Mahatma Gandhi himself. He was an inspiration to millions and millions of people and he is currently still an inspiration."

He pointed out that Martin Luther King was inspired by Gandhi, as was Lech Walesa, the Polish Solidarity leader.

Sir Richard said he hoped the message of the film might be noted by young people who "would know there was another attitude besides confrontation politics. And they can say to the Reagans, Andropovs and Thatchers of this world: 'No to confrontation'."

He emphasized the importance of *Gandhi* to the British film industry, explaining: "A British film industry boost would be good for Hollywood as well as England. Sixty per cent of potential audiences for British pictures is American. We are proving that British films can please the broad spectrum of the American audiences."

● Sir Richard's triumph has brilliantly confirmed the popularity of British films in Hollywood, David Hewson writes.

In the last 21 years Britain has now won the best picture award six ties. David Lean's *Lawrence of Arabia* won in 1962, *Tom Jones* in 1964, *A Man for all Seasons* in 1966 and *Oliver!* in 1969. Glenda Jackson, Maggie Smith and Julie Christie have all taken the awards for best actress.

***Gandhi* is three awards short of the most-decorated picture of all time, *Ben Hur*, which in 1959 won 11 Oscars.**

(Full list of awards in the Information Service below).

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Biggest prize, page 10.

Two views of an Indian statesman



The real Mahatma Gandhi (above) photographed in Delhi with two disciples on January 14, 1948. Below: Ben Kingsley and two actresses in a scene from the film.



Frank Johnson in the Commons

A hard act to depict as subversive

Dr Gerard Vaughan, the Minister for Consumer Affairs, yesterday made a statement to the House about the controversy concerning the citizens advice bureaux.

As the questioning of an increasingly uncomfortable and unconvincing Dr Vaughan proceeded, especially the questioning from sceptical Tory backbenchers, the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux became a hard act to depict as subversive. Tory after Tory rose to say what a magnificent job the bureaux did. Labour members would cheer agreement. Dr Vaughan would keep on agreeing. How, then, had the controvery arisen?

It started in the news columns, it seemed. It was reported that the Government was cutting its grant to the National Association because of its displeasure at the political activities of the chairman of CND, Mrs Joan Ruddock, who is a bureau employee at Reading. (Dr Vaughan's constituency is Reading South). These reports provoked a routine uproar among a few Labour MPs on Monday. An attempt was made by one of them to persuade the Speaker to agree to an emergency debate

But even before yesterday's appearance by Dr Vaughan, there were signs that the defenders of the West against the advice bureaux threatened were having difficulty in making the charges persuasive. An early warning of this was provided by the fact that the National Association's chairman, who was quoted in the public prints as defending Mrs Ruddock against the charge of subsuming bureaux work in CND activity, was named Lady Ricketts.

Outraged radical women, who defended other outraged radical women in the public prints should be called something like "Ms Maeve Gripe" – never 'Lady Ricketts." So things were already looking bad for Dr Vaughan when he arrived at the dispatch box to announce: "With permmssion Mr Speaker, I should like to make a statement on the action I have taken on the grant-in-aid to the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux."

There were statutory Labour cries of "disgraceful." But Dr Vaughan's next words were: "I am glad to do this since we are discussing an organization which fulfills an important national and local role, one which the Government fully supports. I feel I must make that absolutely clear."

What, then, was the problem? Well, "I felt it proper to inquire if the money was being used effectively." There had been "allegations of changing attitudes" within some bureaux. "For example, a local chairman resigned recently after 30 years." So, with the full support of the Association, there was to be "an early and independent review" to "ensure that the money was being effectively used."

This was a long way from the paranoid right-wing witch hunt which Labour members had expected. So Labour members proceeded as if there were a paranoid right-wing witch hunt just the same. The main interest in their questioning lay in which of them would be the first to use the word "McCarthyism," and how long it would take before the word was given its usual outing. (Mr Jack Ashley: 20 minutes approx.).

Of more significance were constant defences of the bureaux from Pillar of Society types among Tory backbenchers–such figures as Mr David Crouch and Mr Michael McNair-Wilson.

The latter delivered himself of the shatteringly inconvenient observation: "Mrs Ruddock is my constituent and in my opinion she has never let her zeal for the CND affect work."

To which Dr Vaughan was reduced to commenting: "I have never implied that there was a connexion between the CAB and CND." Eventually Mr John Fraser, for the Opposition front bench, observed: "This unhappy episode has the fingerprints of the Prime Minister all over it." Let us hope that, for the Minister's prospects of promotion, this was untrue, since it had become clear that Dr Vaughan was a decent soul who could not organize a smear in a foundation cream factory.

The Government's anti-subversion tacticians, then, had fingered the wrong organization as a CND-front. They should have gone for more plausible targets such as the Church of England, Channel 4, or the Soviet Trade Delegation at Highgate–anything other than the Lady Ricketts Gang, an organization whose tentacles turned out to reach deep into the Tory backbenches.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Margaret visits Royal Air Force Lyneham, Wiltshire, 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester addresses the Business in the Community National Conference, Goldsmith's Hall, London, 12.

New exhibitions

Inner Worlds: symbolic works selected by Paul Overy, Gardner Centre Gallery, University of Sussex, Brighton; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sun (from today until May 11).

Exhibitions in progress

From Quill Pen to Microchip – The *Glasgow Herald* 1783 to 1983, People's Palace Museum, Glasgow Green, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Dec'.

Iluminated poems by Alan Bold, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, Sun 2 to 5 (until April 20).

Talks, lectures

Holography, by Michael Wenyon, Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff.

Fay Weldon reads selections from her work, followed by discussion, Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, 8.

History of the Hereford and Gloucester Canal, by David Bick, Red Cross Hall, Blackfriars Street, Hereford, 8.

Perspectives on Acid Rain: The Sir William Jackson Pope Memorial Lecture, by Dr P. F. Chester, Queen Elizabeth II Theatre, Winchester College, 6.

A Birdwatching Year, illustrated talk by Stan Davies, Athanaeum Theatre, Plymouth, 7.30.

Music

Piano recital by Sally Ann Bottomley, Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster, 1.

Concert by Kent Schools Symphonic Wind Band and Kent Youth Choir, Central Hall, Chatham, Kent, 7.30.

General

Spring Flower Show, Winter Garden, Eastbourne, 2 to 9 today (10 to 7.30 tomorrow).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,102

ACROSS

1 Tossing apples to Bruin? Can't be justified (13).
9 Before offer made to Charles Edward (9).
10 Louis, best of the hardier African leaders (5).
11 One of the Haworth Bells, the sexologist (5).
12 Check soundness of the rule (4).
13 Tendency to be dishonest (4).
15 Ran into Percy, losing his head and going wrong (7).
17 Spinner has list to right (7).
18 Old instrument has sound quality left (7).
20 Cross note to the French or German prison (7).
21 It's back to Josip Broz (4).
22 Pope's great queen once made money in the East (4).
23 Out-of-the-way refusal is disagreeable (5).
26 Duck, green, makes public appearance (5).
27 Outline of duet with Abram, perhaps (9).
28 Moody style of painting – crazy (13).

DOWN

1 Performance with instrument getting into a mess (14).
2 Time for some magic (5).
3 Meadows in the food store makes a joke (10).
4 Tidy hospital attendant (7).
5 Row about stray dog (7).
6 Ruth when very young? (4).
7 Asked ten rough soldiers to a spread (9).
8 The beauty of Kent, say, seen in a garden (10,4).
14 In a battle, a new formation that can be reached (10).
16 Race official put up tent in such a fever (9).
19 Occupation, for instance, with a rising pedigree (7).
20 Used by painter when Paul sat uneasily? (7).
24 Oblique point of view (5).
25 Staunch supporter of 8 (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,101

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CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 9

Academy awards

The complete Associated Press list of winners at the 55th annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles: **Best Picture:** Gandhi; **Best Actor:** Ben Kingsley (Gandhi); **Best Actress:** Meryl Streep (Sophie's Choice); **Best Supporting Actor:** Louis Gossett Jr (An Officer and a Gentleman); **Best Supporting Actress:** Jessica Lange (Tootsie); **Best Director:** Richard Attenborough (Gandhi).

Best Foreign Language Film: Volver A Empezar (To Begin Again), Spain; **Best Original Screenplay:** Gandhi (John Briley); **Best Adapted Screenplay:** Missing (Costa-Gavras and Donald Stewart); **Best Original Song:** Up Where We Belong (An Officer and a Gentleman); **Best Cinematography:** Gandhi (Billy Williams and Ronnie Taylor); **Best Art Direction:** Gandhi (Art direction by Stuart Craig and Bob Laing, Set Decoration by Michael Seirton); **Best Costume Design:** Gandhi (John Mollo and Bhanu Athaiya); **Best Film Editing:** Gandhi (John Bloom). **Best Make-up:** Quest For Fire (Sarah Monzani and Michele Burke); **Best Original Score:** E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (John Williams); **Best Original Score and its adaption or adaptation score:** Victor-Victoria (song score by Henry Mancini and Leslie Bricusse, adapted by Henry Mancini).

Best Sound: E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (Buss Knudson, Robert Glass, Don Digirolamo and Gene Cantamessa); **Best Documentary Feature:** Just Another Missing Kid; **Best Documentary Short Subject:** If You Love This Planet; **Best Animated Short:** Tango; **Best Live Action Short:** A Shocking Accident; **Best Sound Effects Editing:** E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (Charles L. Campbell and Ben Burtt); **Best Visual Effects:** E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (Carlo Rambaldi, Dennis Murren and Kenneth F. Smith).

Announced in Advance – Honorary: Mickey Rooney; **Jean Hersholt Humanitarian:** Walter Mirisch; **Scientific-Technical Achievement:** August Arnold and Erich Kaestner for the first operational 35mm, hand-held, spinning-mirror reflex camera; **Gordon Sawyer Award for Scientific Achievement:** Veteran sound man John O. Aalberg.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 3:

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada, 16.25m
2 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada, 15.00m
3 This Is Your Life, Thames, 14.85m
4 3-2-1, Yorkshire, 14.50m
5 On Her Majesty's Secret Service, ITV, 14.25m
6 Crossroads (Wed) Central, 13.05m
7 Punchlines, LWT, 12.20m
8 Family Fortunes, Central 11.90m
9 Crossroads (Thurs) Central, 11.80m
10 The Canon and Ball Easter Show, LWT 11.55m

BBC 1

1 Mastermind, 12.10m
2 The Kenny Everett Television Show, 12.05m
3 News and Sport, 11.65m
4 Dallas, 11.45m
5 Escape to Athena, 11.20m
6 Top of the Pops, 10.75m
6= The Paras, 10.75m
8 Wogan, 10.55m
9 Open All Hours, 10.15m
10 It Shouldn't happen to a Vet, 9.95m

BBC 2

1 *Pot Black '83, 8.30m*
2 Just Another Day, 7.75m
3 Russell Harty (Tues) 6.90m
4 The War of the Worlds, 6.85m
5 The Bank Shot, 6.25m
6 My Cousin Rachel, 5.90m
7 Bananas, 5.60m
8 Dear Ladies, 4.60m
9 The Waltons, 3.85m
10 Friendly Persuasion, 2.95

CH4

1 Day of the Locust, 2.40m
2 Brookside (Tues) 1.90m
3 Brookside (Wed) 1.85m
3= Upstairs, Downstairs, 1.85m
5 The Munsters, 1.80m
6 The First of the Few, 1.50m
7 Unforgettable, 1.20m
8 The Day Christ Died, 1.15m
9 The Dick Van Dyke Show, 1.05m
9= Gardeners' Calendar, 1.05m
9= The Door Without a Key, 1.05m

S4C

In Welsh:
1 Pobol Y Cwm, serial, 148,000
2 Y Byd En Ei Le, current affairs, 119,000
3 Coleg, drama, 98,000
4 Cefn Gwlad, series, 96,000
5 Yng Nghwmni, light entertainment, 92,000

In English:
1 Battlestar Galactica, 144,000
2 Brookside (Wed) 133,000
3 The Munsters, 129,000
4 The Avengers, 105,000
5 Brookside (Thurs) 83,000

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with previous week's figures in parenthesis) are: BBC1, Breakfast Time, Mon to Fri 1.3m (1.8m). TV-am, Good Morning Britain, Mon to Fri 0.4m (0.4m); Sat 1.1m (1.6m); Sun 0.5m (0.3m). Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

National Day

The land-locked central African state of Chad celebrates its National Day today. The day marks the anniversary of the army coup in 1975 which overthrew President Tombalbaye, who had led the country since its independence from France in August 1960. Chad has been in almost constant political turmoil since 1965.

Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Jefferson, 3rd president of the United States 1801-09, Shadwell, Virginia, 1743; Richard Trevithick, engineer, Illogan, Cornwall, 1771.

Hugh Clapperton, explorer, died at Sokoto, Nigeria, 1827.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Debates on nationalized industries and on prisoners held in police custody.

Roads

London and South-east: A501: City Road partially closed N of Old Street roundabout, City of London. Chelsea Bridge: Only one lane open each way. M11: Single lane open northbound from junctions 5 (Loughton) to 7 (Harlow).

Wales and West: A483: Several sets of temporary lights between Llandrindod Wells and Newton, Powys.

Midlands and East Anglia: A6: Temporary signals at Darley Dale, Dove Holes and Belper, Derbyshire.

North: M62: Lane closures between junctions 22 (Bradford, Halifax) and 26 (Ripponden), West Yorkshire. A1027: Stockton ring-road, Cleveland: All traffic sharing one carriageway between Norton and A19. A523): Roadworks on Mill Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Scotland: A9: Ballinluig by-pass, Tayside, scheduled to be fully opened today. M8: Various lane closures from St James to Craigton.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

Commenting on the "golden harvest of Oscars" awarded to the British film *Gandhi*, The Sun says: "It is an immense achievement to beat Hollywood at its own game."

The teasing about the election date is getting tiresome says the Daily Mirror: "Come on Margaret! Make up your mind!"

Pictorial aerogramme

Edinburgh University's 400th anniversary and the 200th anniversary of The Royal Society of Edinburgh will be celebrated with the issue today of a Scottish pictorial aerogramme, featuring the Arms of the University and The Royal Society against a backdrop of Edinburgh Castle.

The aerogramme will be available from post offices in Scotland, philatelic counters throughout the UK, and by post from the British Philatelic Bureau, 20 Brandon Street, Edinburgh, EH3 5TT (price 30p).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.83	1.75
Austria Sch	27.40	25.60
Belgium Fr	77.25	73.25
Canada $	1.95	1.87
Denmark Kr	13.70	13.00
Finland Mkk	8.72	8.22
France Fr	11.50	10.95
Germany DM	3.85	3.65
Greece Dr	133.00	122.00
Hongkong $	10.63	10.08
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.16
Italy Lira	2255.00	2155.00
Japan Yen	383.00	363.00
Netherlands Gld	4.32	4.11
Norway Kr	11.45	10.85
Portugal Esc	157.00	143.00
South Africa Rd	1.89	1.72
Spain Pta	210.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	11.92	11.32
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.09
USA $	1.58	1.52
Yugoslavia Dnr	127.00	115.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank

Retail Price Index: 327.3.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 3.8 at 687.7.

Weather

A trough of low pressure will cross all districts during the day.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N England, East Anglia, Channel Islands, E Midlands: Sunny periods, becoming cloudy with occasional rain; wind W, moderate; max temp 11 or 12C (52 to 54F).

W Midlands, SW, NW England, Wales: Bright start, becoming cloudy with occasional rain spreading from W, clearing later; wind SW, becoming NW, moderate to fresh; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, rain at times, becoming brighter and showery, wind SW becoming NW, moderate to fresh; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

***NE England, Borders, Edinburgh,* Dundee, Shetland:** Bright at first, becoming cloudy with occasional rain, wind SW, moderate, becoming variable; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

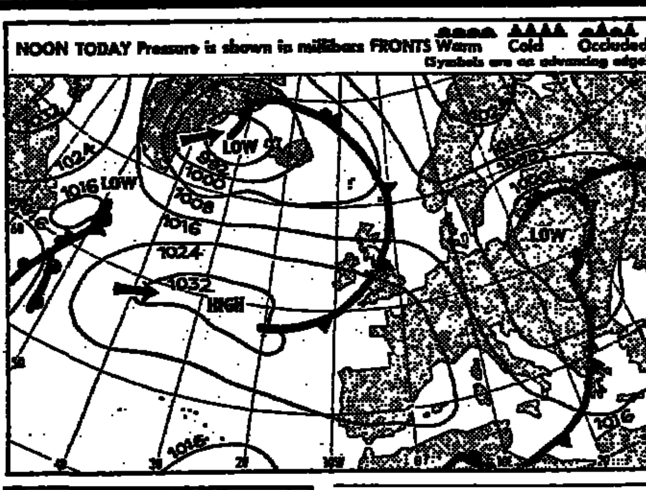
Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Cloudy, occasional rain, snow over high ground; wind SW, moderate, becoming variable; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

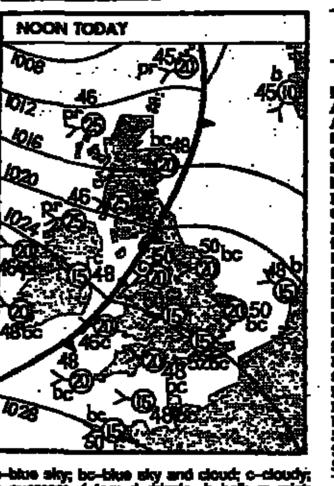
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry in S with sunny intervals; changeable in N with some rain or showers; temperatures rather below normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind NW, fresh, locally strong to gale at first; sea very rough, becoming moderate. **Strait of Dover, English Channel (E):** Wind W, moderate; sea slight to moderate. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SW, veering NW strong; sea rough.

Sun rises: 6.11 am	Sun sets: 7.53 pm
Moon rises 6.44 am	Moon sets: 8.04 pm

New moon: 8.58 am.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

Lighting-up time

London 8.23 pm to 5.39 am
Bristol 8.33 pm to 5.48 am
Edinburgh 8.44 pm to 5.42 am
Manchester 8.36 pm to 5.43 am
Penzance 8.42 pm to 6.03 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	8	46	Guernsey	f	9	48
Birmingham	c	7	45	Inverness	c	7	45
Blackpool	s	7	45	Jersey	s	8	46
Bristol	f	9	48	London	c	7	45
Cardiff	c	9	48	Manchester	c	7	45
Edinburgh	s	9	48	Newcastle	f	7	45
Glasgow	f	10	50	Ronaldsway	s	8	46

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 10C (50F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 7 pm, 51 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 7 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 7 pm, 8.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1027.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Weymouth, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Cromer, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Folkestone, 0.33in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, 11.4hr.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.47	6.9	3.11	7.2
Aberdeen	2.23	4.1	2.21	4.1
Avonmouth	8.14	12.9	8.31	12.9
Belfast	11.59	3.2		
Cardiff	7.59	11.5	8.16	11.9
Devonport	6.47	5.4	7.11	5.4
Dover	11.55	6.4		
Falmouth	6.17	5.2	6.41	5.2
Glasgow	1.50	4.4	2.08	4.5
Harwich	12.38	3.9	1.06	4.0
Holyhead	11.20	5.5	11.40	5.4
Hull	7.25	7.2	7.32	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.03	9.0	7.19	9.0
Leith	3.37	5.3	3.43	5.5
Liverpool	12.5	9.1	12.19	9.4
Lowestoft	10.49	2.3	10.45	2.4
Margate	12.46	4.6	1.18	4.6
Milford Haven	7.15	7.0	7.32	7.0
Newquay	6.05	7.0	6.22	7.0
Oban	6.51	4.1	7.05	3.9
Penzance	5.43	5.5	6.07	5.5
Portland	7.59	2.1	8.32	2.1
Portsmouth	12.16	4.6	12.25	4.5
Shoreham	12.08	6.1	12.12	6.0
Southampton	11.59	4.9		
Swansea	7.24	9.4	7.39	9.4
Tees	4.42	5.2	4.48	5.4
Walton-on-Naze	12.32	4.0	12.56	4.2

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	8.3	.11	7	45	Hail
Bridlington	8.7	.13	7	45	Showers
Cromer	6.2	.10	6	43	Showers
Lowestoft	7.4	.14	7	45	Hail pm
Clacton	4.8	.12	8	46	Hail
Margate	8.2	.14	7	45	Shwr pm
Folkestone	8.2	.33	9	48	Shwr pm
Hastings	9.1	.07	9	48	Sunny
Eastbourne*					
Worthing	9.2	.02	10	50	Sunny
Littlehampton	8.9	–	10	50	Sunny
Bognor R	9.7	–	9	48	Sunny
Southsea	8.6	–	10	50	Sun pds
Shanklin	10.2	–	9	48	Sunny
Bournemouth	10.4	–	10	50	Sunny
Poole	9.9	–	11	52	Sunny
Swanage	9.9	–	11	52	Sunny
Weymouth	9.5	–	13	55	Sunny
Exmouth	7.0	.02	10	50	Sun pds
Teignmouth	7.3	.01	11	52	Sunny
Torquay	7.4	.02	11	52	Sun pds
Falmouth	11.0	–	9	48	Sunny
Penzance	10.6	–	10	50	Sunny

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Jersey	8.5	.01	10	50	Sun pds
Scilly Isles*					
Newquay*					
Ilfracombe	*	.05	10	50	Sunny
Tenby	10.1	–	10	50	Sunny
Anglesey					
Colwyn Bay	10.7	–	8	46	Sunny
Southport	10.8	–	8	46	Sunny
Blackpool					
Morecambe	11.4	–	10	50	Sunny
Douglas	11.0	–	9	48	Sunny
Aldergrove	7.4	.04	10	50	Hail pm
Eskdalemuir	8.8	.04	10	50	Shwr pm
Prestwick	8.7	–	10	50	Sun pds
Abbotsinch					
Tiree	7.1	.01	10	50	Shwr am
Stornoway	9.0	.14	10	50	Shwr am
Lerwick	4.2	.02	6	43	Sun int
Wick	8.1	.02	8	46	Shwr pm
Kinloss	8.4	.04	8	46	Rain pm
Dyce	8.3	–	9	48	Shwr pm
Leuchars					
Dunbar					

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	15	59	Copenhgn	r	3	37
Akrotiri	s	20	68	Corfu	s	19	66
Alexandria	c	21	70	Dallas*	s	28	82
Algiers	f	17	63	Dublin	f	9	48
Amsterdam	c	7	45	Dubrovnik	c	19	66
Athens	s	22	72	Faro	s	21	70
Bahrain*	s	25	77	Florence	f	16	61
Barbados*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	c	7	45
Barcelona	s	14	57	Funchal	s	21	70
Beirut	f	17	63	Geneva	c	6	43
Belgrade	c	23	73	Gibraltar	f	19	66
Berlin	c	6	43	Helsinki	f	4	39
Bermuda*	f	21	70	Hongkong	c	26	79
Biarritz	s	11	52	Innsbruck	f	9	48
Boulogne	c	6	43	Istanbul	s	20	68
Bordeaux	f	10	50	Jeddah	s	27	81
Brussels	f	7	45	Jo'burg	f	22	72
Budapest	s	17	63	Karachi	c	29	84
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	s	24	75
Cairo	s	25	77	Lisbon	f	16	61
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	f	15	59
C'blanca	f	25	77	L Angeles*	s	13	55
Chicago*	f	7	45	Luxembg	r	5	41
Cologne	r	6	43	Madrid	s	15	59

		C	F			C	F
Majorca	f	15	59	Rio de Jan*	f	24	75
Malaga	f	19	66	Rome	f	16	61
Malta	s	22	72	Salzburg	c	9	48
Melbourne	s	16	61	Sao Paulo*	c	23	73
Mexico C*	s	23	73	S Francisco*	f	11	52
Miami*	s	23	73	Santiago			
Milan	f	17	63	Seoul	s	22	72
Montreal*	d	4	39	Singapore*	f	34	93
Moscow*	c	8	46	Stockholm	c	2	36
Munich	f	8	46	Strasbourg	r	5	41
Nairobi	r	25	77	Sydney	c	20	68
Naples	f	18	64	Tangier	f	19	66
New Delhi	r	20	68	Tel Aviv			
New York*	c	14	57	Tenerife	f	27	81
Nice	s	19	66	Tokyo	c	13	55
Oslo	c	7	45	Toronto*	r	6	43
Ottawa				Tunis	r	21	70
Paris	c	7	45	Valencia	s	19	66
Peking	s	23	73	Vancouver*	c	6	43
Perth	s	24	75	Venice	s	19	66
Prague*	f	17	63	Vienna	f	10	50
Reykjavik	sn	1	34	Warsaw	c	13	55
Rhodes	s	20	68	Washington			
Riyadh	s	30	86	Zurich	f	6	43



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